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City Council backs plan for owl habitat

■ 8.8 acres of Albany's waterfront plateau would be cordoned off

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The Albany City Council has approved a plan to fence nearly half of a parcel of open space for burrowing owl habitat despite concerns that the project will take away recreational space from current users.

The council voted 4-0 this week to back a plan that will cord off 8.8 acres of the 20.7-acre plateau along the city's waterfront. The area is popular with off-leash dog walkers.

"When you talk enclosing, you mean excluding as far as I'm concerned," Albany resident Joan Larson said. "A lot of special interests got what they wanted and made deals, and we should put a stop on this process."

The habitat is a legal requirement under a plan to build ball fields at Gilman Street in Berkeley. A number of agencies and cities are backing the plan, and

construction of the fields is scheduled to begin in May.

"It's unfortunate that we can't make everyone happy," Robert Cheasty, president of Citizens for East Shore Parks, said. "But we made enough people happy and enough compromises were made that it's a good idea."

The East Bay Regional Park District has the final say over the owl plan, Berkeley parks director Roger Miller said.

Ball field advocates had eyed the plateau as a spot for ball fields during the creation of the Eastshore State Park in 2002.

Late in the process, 16 acres south of Gilman Street became available for the fields, to the delight of advocates as well as environmentalists who opposed that use on the plateau.

During a review of the environmental effects of the fields on the area, Berkeley determined that the fields would have a "significant impact" on a burrowing owl that had been seen over several winters in a southern corner of the land.

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Anatomy of a basic retrofit

Three essential components

The combination of hefty foundation anchor bolts, plywood shear wall panels and steel brackets that tie the floor joists to the crawl space walls can greatly reduce the amount of damage to a home during a large earthquake.

The right stuff

Some retrofit jobs look impressive but may not provide as much earthquake protection as the homeowner thinks.

Accepted guidelines

8d (called 8-penny) common nails (shown here actual size)

5-layer exterior-grade plywood, at least 1/2-inch thick. Panel lengths should be at least twice the cripple wall height.

Problems to look for:

Thinner, 3-layer plywood

"Box nails," which have a smaller wire diameter and can pull out of the framing easier

Nails that are too big can split the 2x4 framing and blocks

Nails too far apart
Useless "air nails" that missed the framing
Overdriven nails that negate multiple plywood layers

Shear panel

Half-inch thick, 5-layer exterior-grade plywood is nailed to the cripple wall framing using 8d common nails.

Nails should be 4 inches apart around the plywood edges, and 12 inches apart elsewhere.

Panels should be placed on all perimeter walls of the house. Longer plywood pieces offer the greatest strength.

Three-inch-diameter ventilation holes should be drilled in the panels between each cripple wall stud. Hole placement near the foundation anchors allows for bolt inspection.

Three types of failure

Neglecting any one of the three basic retrofit elements will leave a house vulnerable to significant earthquake damage.



No shear wall

Without shear wall reinforcement, the cripple wall can collapse, causing the house to fall down onto the crawl space.

No framing clips connecting floor joists to wall cripple

Even with bolts and shear walls, the entire house, from the first floor up, can slip off the cripple wall.

Mudsill not bolted to the foundation

The mudsill (and the entire house attached to it) can slip off the foundation.



DAVE JOHNSON/STAFF

False sense of security

■ An investigation of 35 retrofitted houses along the Hayward fault finds less than a third would withstand a major quake

By Thomas Peele and Jessica Guynn
STAFF WRITERS

Eight-penny common nails. Sheets of five-layer plywood. Wooden blocks. Steel bolts topped with plate washers.

These are the basic components of what it takes to seismically retrofit a wooden-frame, single-family home and make it safer during a major earthquake.

Installed properly, they can prevent walls from shifting and houses from sliding off their foundations and collapsing. They can save lives.

Installed improperly, or only partially, they are little more than a collection of worthless materials that offer minimal to no earthquake protection.

And that's what was frequently found in an investigation of 35 retrofitted houses along the Hayward fault in Oakland, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Albany. Two veteran building officials who combined have more than 65 years of government experience and who serve on seismic safety boards conducted the inspections for this report.

They concluded that work on 11 of the houses, or less than a third, would probably withstand the shaking of a high-magnitude tremor.

Scientists predict a magnitude 6.7 earthquake is likely to strike the Bay Area before 2032. Yet private and local building codes don't require specific standards



KARL MONDON/STAFF

BUILDING OFFICIALS William Schock, left, and Roger Sharpe crawled underneath some 35 Bay Area homes to investigate the quality of work done by earthquake retrofitters.

Homes situated atop garages are among most vulnerable

By Thomas Peele
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — In the parlance of earthquake safety and seismic retrofits, Kay Kajiwara's house here represents the "soft story" problem typical of many older Bay Area homes.

It has a garage on the first floor with a living space above it. The gaping hole of the garage door makes the house difficult to

protect from the effects of a major tremor.

But Kajiwara, an architect, found a way to make his home safer. He hired a structural engineer and designed a protection that two building officials working with this newspaper said would make his home safer when the big one hits.

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for a safe voluntary seismic retrofit of a home.

To better protect residents, the two inspectors said, California should adopt uniform codes for basic retrofits of single-family homes.

While such standards would be applicable only to homes with relatively simple designs — say,

a typical bungalow or a two-story home with a rectangular or square foundation — "they would be a start," said Roger Sharpe, one of the inspectors.

Homes built before 1940 are considered the most vulnerable. Those built between 1940 and 1978 also should be inspected for seismic weaknesses that retrofit

work could improve. Building codes for new construction since 1978 have required seismic safety compliance.

In 24 of the 35 of the homes inspected for this story, residents might have had a false sense of security about earthquake protection, Sharpe and fellow inspector William Schock said.

"This stuff isn't rocket science. We have identified a problem," Schock said. He is the San Leandro chief building official, president of the California Association of Building Officials, and works with the Governor's Office of Emergency Management on earthquake preparedness.

Despite relatively simple methods and guidelines for successful retrofitting, Schock said, he saw a "lack of fundamental understanding of the principles and materials" within the building community.

As part of their agreement to work with the newspapers, Schock and Sharpe, a retired Walnut Creek building official and member of the Berkeley Disaster Council, would not identify individual contractors or companies.

The state should require additional licensing and training for seismic retrofit contractors, Schock said. "A retrofit contractor has more responsibility than someone doing your kitchen," he said. "There is going to be an earthquake. Whole neighborhoods could be uninhabitable."

A spokesman for the California Professional Association of Specialty Contractors, a trade group, said he wasn't knowledgeable enough about retrofits to comment on Schock's call for additional licensing.

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Decline in cars, speeds on Marin Avenue, study shows

■ Berkeley and Albany will begin studying this week whether traffic had been diverted to other streets

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The number of cars traveling on Marin Avenue in Albany, as well as their speeds, decreased as result of a reconfiguration of the busy thoroughfare. But it's unknown how the change is affecting the surrounding area.

Speeds decreased about 10 percent while the volume decreased between 4 percent and 27 percent, according to a study conducted after the number of traffic lanes on Marin was reduced from four to three, with the addition of a left-turn lane and bike lanes.

The change, which was intended to slow traffic and make the area safer for bicyclists and pedestrians, affects about 16 blocks in Albany and four in Berkeley.

"It's working much better than I thought it would," said Berkeley City Councilwoman Betty Olds, who had voted against implementing the changes. "The left-turns certainly solved a big problem."

Traffic volumes in Berkeley also decreased, according to studies done before and after the Marin Avenue project was completed in that city.

However, the changes were found to be "less than significant" given that daily traffic volumes fluctuate throughout the year, according to a memo to the Berkeley City Council from City Manager Phil Kamlarz. Between 19,000 and 21,000 motorists drive on Marin Avenue daily.

Berkeley has not yet studied traffic speeds.

In Albany, the drop in speed ranged from 2 to 4 mph, representing a decrease of about 10 percent, according to a memo from city consultant Korve Engineering.

"While this may not seem significant, such a change in speed is actually considered to be quite substantial on a street of this kind," according to the memo written by Bill Burton of Korve Engineering.

"Although Marin Avenue has experienced a drop in average speed from roughly 30 miles per hour to roughly 27 miles per hour,

the posted speed limit is 25 miles per hour."

Korve Engineering studied the average speed at three locations on Marin Avenue in April 2005 and again last November after the project was implemented.

It found the average number of cars decreased by 27 percent going east between Cornell and Talbot avenues and just 4 percent between Curtis and Neilson streets.

The study does not explain the large discrepancy in the volume decrease.

Burton writes that it's unclear whether the decrease resulted from the reconfiguration or changes in the season.

In addition, he didn't know whether traffic had been diverted to other streets. Both Berkeley and Albany this week began studying that issue.

"I know where a lot of them are going," Olds said. "They're going on Solano. I can tell Solano has increased."

Albany Vice Mayor Farid Javandel said it was hard to draw too many conclusions from the recent traffic study, though he believed some of the outcomes were positive.

That includes a 20 percent decrease in average travel time going east, from 154 seconds to 123 seconds during the evening hours.

"The travel time got better because cars don't get stuck behind left turns anymore," Javandel said.

In addition, the study showed a 5 percent decrease during evening hours in cars going west. But morning commuters saw their travel time increase four seconds going west and 18 seconds going east.

Meanwhile, the Berkeley City Council recently appealed a judgment ordering the city to reexamine the environmental effects of the Marin Avenue reconfiguration.

It followed an appeal of the same judgment by Berkeley resident Ray Chamberlin, who filed a lawsuit to stop the project.

Chamberlin appealed in an effort to have the decision affect Albany as well. The decision did not affect Albany because Chamberlin filed his lawsuit after a 30-day statute of limitations for challenging the project.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Albany

Moratorium extended on pot dispensaries

The Albany City Council has granted an additional moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries while it crafts an ordinance to send to voters allowing such facilities.

At its Monday meeting, the council voted 4-0 to continue the moratorium until May 2, 2007 and also discussed an ordinance that would allow one dispensary to operate in the city.

Council members debated whether the law should limit patients to a particular geographic area.

The ordinance already limits operating times and prohibits dispensaries from operating within 1,000 feet of schools, parks and youth-oriented establishments. No consumption would be allowed on the premises.

The ordinance will come back to the council for discussion in the next few months, community development director Ann Chaney said.

The council is considering placing that law, as well as one prohibiting medical marijuana facilities in Albany, on the November ballot.

Funds allocated to study waterfront initiative

The Albany City Council has agreed to spend up to \$20,000 to study the legal and fiscal impacts of an initiative that would limit waterfront development.

A coalition of environmental groups is collecting signatures to place the initiative on the November ballot.

The initiative could curtail plans by Southern California-based developer Rick Caruso to develop a retail and housing development at parking lots of the Golden Gate Fields racetrack.

Environmentalists have already criticized City Attorney Robert Zweben for hiring an attorney who has represented Caruso to help produce an environmental document for the Golden Gate Fields project.

At the Monday council meeting, the council was warned that residents may perceive the city as biased in favor of Caruso if it moves forward with the analysis of the initiative.

Zweben and Vice Mayor Farid Javandel said that was not the intent. "It's not a bias against the initiative," Javandel said. "It's just to help us plan and prepare."

No major storm damage reported in area

The rain has been steady but not heavy enough to cause major problems in El Cerrito, Albany or Berkeley.

"There's nothing major here, just routine maintenance," said Joseph Ayankoya, the acting public works maintenance superintendent, in Berkeley earlier this week.

Public works managers in El Cerrito and Albany gave largely the same report.

"We're doing pretty good here," El Cerrito Public Works Director Jerry Bradshaw said. "The rains have been consistent but not heavy — heavy at times, but not with massive flows coming off them. Plus the storm drain system is pretty healthy, healthier than it's been for long time."

Rich Cunningham, the public works manager in Albany, said Monday afternoon that he had received no reports of flooding or mudslides.

El Cerrito

City plans hearing on zoning ordinance

El Cerrito will likely hold public hearings in June for the new zoning ordinance, planning manager Jennifer Carman said.

The city is changing the zoning ordinance so that it complies with the city's 1999 general plan. The general plan calls for high-density housing and commercial uses around the city's two BART stations and San Pablo Avenue in the "mid-town" area.

The ordinance also addresses creek setbacks, home remodels and cell phone antennas.

Over a series of meetings, the Planning Commission has been meticulously reviewing the document and on Wednesday it expected to get through "99.9 percent" of it, Carman said. The newly revised ordinance will be reviewed again with public comment before it goes to the City Council for final approval.

The document is available online at www.el-cerrito.org and at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-215-4330.

— Alan Lopez

Police investigate similar robberies

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Kensington police are still investigating two armed robberies that occurred recently in front of people's homes.

In both cases, two men approached the victims as they were exiting their vehicles after driving into their driveways. Police believe the victims were followed home.

"We've asked people to really be aware of their surroundings when arriving home," Kensington Police Chief Barry Garfield said. "And when they're driving home, be sure they're not being followed."

The robberies occurred between 4:45 p.m. and 9 p.m. in late February on the 100 block of Windsor Avenue and again on March 18, on Purdue Avenue. The two robbers drove away with cash after sticking a gun in the face of the victim, Garfield said.

Most of the 2,250 homes in Kensington received automated telephone calls warning of the robberies, Garfield said.

The warning was sent because of the unusual nature of the crimes and because of the potential for violence when handguns are used.

"And it's such an anomaly for Kensington that we wanted people

to be aware that it's occurring," Garfield said.

Similar robberies have also been occurring in other cities, including El Cerrito.

On Feb. 25, four men, one armed with a handgun, robbed a man on the 8500 block of Betty Lane shortly after 7 p.m., according to police reports. The victim believed he had been followed home by the men, police said.

On March 15, police said four men in a car followed a victim while he drove up Moers Lane on his way to the home of a relative. The robbers, armed with a rifle, stole the man's wallet and backpack.

On March 16, two men robbed a victim in front of his home at gunpoint shortly after 10 p.m. The robbers took a wallet and keys.

In addition, last month, Hercules police urged residents to call police if they think they're being followed after four robberies occurred in people's driveways.

In Kensington, Garfield said the typically safe unincorporated community of 5,000 has seen an uptick in crime recently, primarily with stolen vehicles. It may be related to a regional trend, he said.

El Cerrito police could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Retired engineer worked with Boy Scouts

Lester Johnston of El Cerrito spent time as volunteer, maintaining, repairing equipment at Camp Herms

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

Lester Johnston, who donated his services at the Boy Scouts warehouse and maintenance center at Camp Herms in El Cerrito for almost 50 years, died March 29 at age 93.

Johnston was an engineer in the diesel engines lab at Chevron Research when he began volunteering at Camp Herms in the late 1950s because he had two sons in Scouting.

Herms is a former rock quarry in the El Cerrito hills that was donated to the Boy Scouts' Mt. Diablo-Silverado District and is used as a year-round camp, storage and maintenance facility for Contra Costa, north Alameda, Solano, Napa and Lake counties.

EPITAPH

Lester Walter Johnson

■ **Survivors:** Wife Ann Johnston of El Cerrito, sons William Johnston of Kensington and David Johnston of Livermore, grandsons Brian, Darby and Delvin Johnston and granddaughter Debbie Johnston.

■ **Memorial service:** 2 p.m. Saturday at Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd. in El Cerrito

■ **Memorial donations:** Can be made in Johnston's name to the Camp Projects Fund of the Mt. Diablo-Silverado Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 800 Ellinwood Way, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

ity for Contra Costa, north Alameda, Solano, Napa and Lake counties.

After his sons left the troop

and even after he retired in 1978, Johnston continued to volunteer there, maintaining and repairing equipment and doing whatever else was needed.

"He enjoyed it very much and he hoped it was helping the people who were interested in Scouting," said Ann Johnston, his wife of 64 years. "The last year or so he wasn't doing a lot because he wasn't feeling very well."

Johnston had put time in at the camp as recently as a few months ago. Earlier this year, the National Office of the Boy Scouts honored him for his years of extraordinary volunteer contributions.

"We're the infrastructure artists is what we are," he told the Times in 2001. "Our pay is the satisfaction of getting things directed to the kids."

Johnston was born in 1912 in Wesley Township in Illinois and grew up on the family farm

started by his grandfather at his Civil War service.

He graduated from J. High School in 1931 and left farm in 1942 after marrying wife, the former Ann Lorne Redmond of Joliet. The couple moved to Berkeley, where Johnston worked on a mechanical engineering degree at UC Berkeley at night while working at Chevron Refinery in Richmond.

After World War II he became an engineer with Chevron search, but he didn't leave love of engineering on the shelf. It was an interest developed working on tractors in his youth and continued into projects as building a power plant refrigeration system for the Scouts' Camp Wolfeboro in Sierra in the 1980s.

Ann Johnston said her husband was devoted to his grandchildren and successfully interested his three grandsons into joining the Scouts.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Tuesday, March 28

■ **BURGLARY** — A resident on the 700 block of Kains Avenue reported at 9:08 a.m. that a silver 1998 Lexus had been broken into during the night.

■ **BIKE TAKEN** — It was reported at 1:32 p.m. that a bicycle was stolen from Albany High School.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Honda Civic was taken from the 1100 block of Talbot Avenue, according to a report made at 11:52 p.m. The vehicle was later recovered.

■ **ROBBERY** — It was reported at 11:47 p.m. that two victims were robbed while they sat in a vehicle on the 900 block of Pierce Street. Two robbers, one of whom had a gun, made off with a car stereo and two cell phones.

Wednesday, March 29

■ **HIT-AND-RUN** — It was reported at 11:49 a.m. that a motorist continued driving after hitting a crossing guard in the leg at San Pablo and Solano avenues.

■ **BIKE STOLEN** — At 3:31 p.m., a woman on the 900 block of Curtis

Street reported that a bicycle had been stolen from Albany Middle School.

■ **ASSAULT** — A man on the 1300 block of Washington Avenue reported at 10:55 p.m. that he was pushed to the ground by four juveniles after approaching them while they were attempting to burglarize a blue Volvo. Police later arrested two of the juveniles.

■ **FRAUD** — At 11:07 p.m., an employee at the Albany Bowl reported that a customer had passed a counterfeit \$100 bill.

Thursday, March 30

■ **THEFT** — At 10:56 a.m., it was reported that a bike was stolen from Albany High School.

■ **PROPERTY LOSS** — An El Cerrito resident reported that she lost a cloth coin purse between Portland and Solano avenues sometime between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The woman told police that the purse had her driver's license, Kaiser card, AAA card and \$5 in cash.

■ **VANDALISM** — At 7:35 p.m., a woman on the 900 block of Curtis Street reported that someone had been digging up plants in her back

yard for three weeks. The loss equaled \$35, she said.

Friday, March 31

■ **DUI** — Police arrested a motorist on suspicion of driving under the influence at 2:31 a.m. at Marin and Colusa avenues. The motorist was driving a 1994 Jeep.

Saturday, April 1

■ **THEFT** — A man from the 800 block of Cerrito Street reported at 8:20 a.m. that laptop computers and a portable video game system had been taken from his home. The man said several juveniles had been in his home the previous night.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — At 8:36 a.m., a man from the 700 block of Carmel Avenue reported that his 1990 Acura had been stolen.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — At 11:47 a.m., a resident from the 800 block of Washington Avenue reported that her 2002 Chevrolet Tahoe was taken during the night.

■ **PROPERTY LOSS** — A man on the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue reported at 4:47 p.m. that a gun usually

located under his mattress had disappeared. The gun went missing while the man was moving, he told police.

Sunday, April 2

■ **FALL** — A man was taken to the hospital at 9:49 a.m. after falling from stairs in his home on the 600 block of Madison Street. The man may have broken his leg, according to reports.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — At 8:20 p.m., a woman on the 800 block of Kains Avenue reported that a purse had been taken from her 1985 Mercedes.

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A car reported to police at 6:51 p.m. that two men had been seen attempting to break into a 1989 Honda Accord on the 1200 block of Dartmouth Street.

Monday, April 3

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A woman reported to police that her 1991 Honda Accord was taken from in front of Albany High School sometime between 7:40 a.m. and noon.

— Alan Lopez

CALENDAR

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received **Thursdays one week prior to publication.** Listings are on a space-available basis. Mail submissions to Pam Middings, 1516 Oak St., Alameda, CA 94501; e-mail them to pmiddings@earthlink.net or fax them to 510-748-1680. Call 510-748-1683 if you have questions.

Coming Up

Learning

■ **Basic Organic Vegetable Gardening** — Learn How to Grow Your Own Food, April 8, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., UC Village Community Garden, Albany. Includes selecting & starting seeds, building good soil, watering plants, managing bugs & blights. Bring sunscreen, hat if needed. Cost: \$10-\$15. Registration: 510-548-2220 x233, erc@ecologycenter.org.

■ **Berkeley Garden Club** — April 18, 1 p.m., Epworth Methodist Church, 1953 Hopkins St., Berkeley. Spring Tea & Floral Design Demonstration by local floral designer Najat Nicolò. \$8. Details: 510-522-5641.

■ "Earthquake Exodus, 1906; —

Berkeley Responds to the San Francisco Refugees," April 18, 7:30 p.m., Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Illustrated lecture by author Richard Schwartz. Reception & book signing follows at Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association headquarters, 2318 Durant Ave. Cost: \$15. Details: berkeleyheritage.com, 510-841-2242 or baha@berkeleyheritage.com.

■ **Vista Community College** — Workshops 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Room 303, 2020 Milvia St., Berkeley. April 22, "Destination Studies: China." April 29, "Destination Studies: Greece and Turkey." Details: 510-981-2913, 510-981-2800 or peralta.edu.

■ **My Toddler and Me Discovery Group** — Through May 4, Thursdays 10:30-11:45 a.m., Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Play, learn & discover in facilitated, creative, play-based interactive group for babies ages 10-20 months & their parents. Cost: \$100/12 weeks, \$12/session. Registration: 510-848-0237 x127.

Literary events

■ **Rhythm and Muse** — 7 p.m., Berkeley

Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Plano & two mics available. Free; donations appreciated. Upcoming: April 8, 22: All Open Mic Night. Details: 510-644-6893 or 510-527-9753.

■ **Poetry Flash** — Poetry readings, 7:30 p.m., Cody's Books, 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. \$2. April 9, Phyllis Stowell, Elaine Terranova. April 16, "Five Fingers Review" contributors. April 23, Basil & Martha King. April 30, Luis Garcia, David Gittin, Belle Randall. Details: 510-845-7852 or poetryflash.org.

■ **Poetry Express** — Mondays, 7 p.m., Priya Indian Cuisine, 2072 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Weekly open mike hosted by Mark States. Coming up: April 10: Akelah Altumeni. April 17: Linda Zeiser. April 24: open mike theme night "cats." May 1: Alice Templeton. May 8: Jeanne Powell, Stephen Kopei. May 15: Sonya Renee. Details: berkeleypoetryexpress@yahoo.com.

■ **Berkeley Poetry Walk** — April 13, 6 p.m., Half Price Books, 2036 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. UC Berkeley professor, former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Hass leads a free guided tour followed by readings from selected poems featured on walk. Details: 510-526-6080.

■ **Slideshows & book signings** — April 20, 7 p.m., El Cerrito Library, 6510 Stockton Ave., El Cerrito. 510-526-7512. May 8, 7 p.m., Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Ave., Kensington. 510-524-3043. Carole Terwilliger Melers reads from "Weekend Adventures in San Francisco & Northern California."

■ **Anna's Jazz Island** — Island Library Series, April 23, 3-5 p.m., 2120 Stony Way, Berkeley. Musicians/poet Avotcha hosts event, with multiple poets & writers reading their work. Open to all. \$3 cover. Details: 510-228-6676 or 510-841-5299.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Because of delays receiving information from the El Cerrito Police Department, the Journal is unable to publish police reports for this week.

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Neighbors

Raimondi left mark as catcher for the Oaks

Martin Snapp is on vacation. Here is one of his favorite past columns, which originally ran in March 2004.

LAST WEEK, I got a call from Dennis Cavagnaro of Oakland. He's trying to get recognition for his boyhood hero, Billy Raimondi, the longtime catcher for the old Oakland Oaks of the Pacific Coast League.

"He was easily the most popular player ever to play for the Oaks," said Cavagnaro. But if you asked people in Oakland today, nine out of 10 probably wouldn't even know his name.

Raimondi was the Oaks' starting catcher from 1934 to 1948. He hit for decent average (.276 lifetime) but not much power, with only 12 career homers. But he was a heady player. They still talk about the time he stole home to beat the rival San Francisco Seals, 10-0, in extra innings.

And in the field he had no peer. With a rifle arm and a knack for handling pitchers, he was the best defensive catcher of his generation in the PCL.

He's 91 now, but he still makes it to the Colombo Club in North Oakland every month for lunch. That's where I met him last week, surrounded by happy-eyed middle-aged men who, like Cavagnaro, have been fans since they were kids.

"He was great at stealing signs," said Dave Chapman of Alameda. "He'd spot a steal coming, call for a pitchout and whew! He'd nail the runner every time."

"He wasn't like today's players," said Rich Wagner of Hayward. "He'd stick around for every game and sign autographs for as long as there were kids who wanted them." "And he wouldn't just sign, he'd talk to you, too," added the Sussman of El Cerrito. "He'd say, 'None of you smoke, do you?' If it was after a Sunday game, he'd say, 'Did you go to Mass this morning?'"

At one point, there were four Raimondi brothers playing in the PCL at the same time: Billy and his brothers Al, Walt and Ernie.

"They were to Oakland as the DiMaggio brothers were to San Francisco," said Cavagnaro. "We'd take the Key System to San Francisco to



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

catch a Seals game in the morning, then back to Oakland to watch the Oaks play in the afternoon."

The Oaks' most famous manager was Casey Stengel, who guided the 1948 team — known as "The Nine Old Men" because the entire starting lineup, except rookie shortstop Billy Martin, were nearing retirement age — to the pennant on the last day of the season.

"It came down to the last out in the ninth inning," said Raimondi. "Casey went out to the mound and told the pitcher (Jim Tobin), 'I'll give you \$1,000 if you get this guy out.' Jim got the guy out."

Casey succeeded the next season by Charlie Dressen, who promptly traded Raimondi to Sacramento. Even today, nearly 60 years later, his fans are still furious about it.

"I thought there was going to be a riot when it was announced," said Chapman. "I hadn't seen people so angry since Pearl Harbor."

"The worst trade in the history of the club," said Cavagnaro. "Billy was 'Mr. Oakland Oaks.' Dressen was an idiot."

After the lunch, Raimondi pulled me aside and said quietly, "I'm grateful for their loyalty, but I was never angry about the trade. I knew before the season that Charlie wanted a slugger at catcher, to take advantage of that short right-field fence. So I'm not bitter at all. I was just disappointed because I wanted to finish my career in Oakland."

Cavagnaro, Sussman, Chapman and Wagner are living out every little boy's dream: They've grown up and become friends with the player they idolized in their youth — only to find out he's an even nicer guy than they thought he was.

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

FACES & PLACES

Albany Spring Fair relocated

Saturday's Albany Spring Fair has been relocated to the multipurpose room at Ocean View Elementary School, 1000 Jackson St., because of the heavy rain that has waterlogged Memorial Park.

The event will take place from 10 a.m. to noon, and will open with the arrival of the Spring Bunny on an Albany Fire Truck. The bunny will give out chocolate eggs and pose for photos. Tickets will be on sale for games and prizes, arts and crafts, face painting and refreshment booths. Free puppet shows will begin at 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Proceeds will support Albany Preschool, a parent cooperative, founded in 1937. The event is sponsored by Albany Preschool and the city Recreation and Community Services Department, and supported by donations from businesses and service organizations.

— Chris Treadway

ART ASSOCIATION SHOW: Artists have until April 15 to apply for the El Cerrito Art Association's 30th annual show.

Awards will be given for 10 categories, including "How I see El Cerrito" and a people's choice award.

A reception for the art show will be held from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Friday, April 28. The show will continue, possibly with an outdoor art fair, from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, April 30. Art show chairwoman Kathleen Glenn said.

The Saturday show will be



DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

LITTLE LEAGUERS, parents and coaches walk westbound on Solano Avenue during the Albany Little League and Albany Berkeley Girls Softball parade of teams in Albany last Saturday.

held in conjunction with the city's annual Earth Day barbecue at noon at the community center, 7007 Moers Lane. The barbecue is for volunteers who participate in clean-up events throughout the city beginning at 9 a.m. that day.

For details on the art show, call Glenn at 510-558-1078. To sign up for the earth day event, call 510-215-4353. More information can be found online at www.el-cerrito.org.

— Alan Lopez

WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION: Danute Nitecki will demonstrate techniques of painting with watercolor on plastic at the Monday meeting of El Cerrito Art Association.

Nitecki uses sheets of plastic or mylar, pours watercolor on, and then makes the designs with a colored pencil. The event is free and open to the public.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m., and is held in the Garden Room (City Council Chambers)

of the El Cerrito Community Center, Moers Lane at Ashbury Avenue. A mini art show of members' work will also be featured.

The Art Association also exhibits at several other locations. Heidi Rand displays photographs through April 25 at the Community Center gallery. Stephen Linsley and Rose Stamm are showing their work at the El Cerrito Department of Motor Vehicles, and June Hunt is the featured artist at the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. Members also exhibit artwork at El Cerrito Library.

Contact the El Cerrito Art Association at 510-526-9564 for additional information about activities.

— Craig Lazeretti

WHITE ELEPHANT SALE: The Albany Senior Center will host its annual White Elephant and Bake sale on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be baked goods, toys, plants, jewelry and other items at bargain prices. All are welcome.

Donations for the sale (clean out your cupboards, closets and drawers) are appreciated, and will be accepted until today.

Please do not donate electronic equipment.

For more information, call the Albany Senior Center, 846 Masonic Ave., at 510-524-9122.

— Craig Lazeretti

Have an item about a scholarship, an award, an event or another experience that you'd like to share with other Journal readers? If you have a photo — print or digital — we can use those, too. (Sorry, we cannot return print photos.) Send items for Faces & Places to the editor by e-mail: journal@cc-times.com, or mailing to: The Journal, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806.

Family would like to hear elderly man's experiences

Q. MY FAVORITE UNCLE, who is in his 80s, is not well and seems to be deteriorating rapidly. He recently began to tell us about his experiences in the Air Force during World War II. We want to hear more about his adventures before it's too late, but don't want to push him about this difficult topic. How can we learn more without being insensitive to his feelings? How do you think that we should proceed?

A. This question certainly needs to be handled with care. I am not absolutely sure what I would do, but perhaps I can offer a few possible approaches. Not knowing the man personally makes suggestions more difficult, but some ideas do come to mind.

How about a straightforward approach? Could you ask him how he feels about discussing these past experiences? Inasmuch as he only recently began to tell you these things, it sounds as if he wants to get the information out in the open, and wants you to know what happened to him during his war years.

Could you possibly make these telling episodes special occasions? Have a tiny party perhaps, with something you



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

uncle really likes to eat or drink? Let him know that you are truly interested and care greatly for him and all the things he has done in the past. Your interest might encourage him to be more open and speak more freely.

On the other hand, perhaps it is difficult for him to spend time talking to others. His illness may well interfere with his ability to remain upright for extended periods, but, of course, you could simply talk for as long as he felt able and stop at the time of his choice.

It sounds as if you should visit him as often as you possibly can, in any case. That way you will be able to pick up anything he wishes to tell you.

On a different approach, perhaps your uncle would respond more easily if you said nothing to encourage him. Let

him bring up any topic he wishes, and at such a time that he chooses. Just be ready to pay close attention whenever the subject is war related.

Are you taking notes about his experiences? Having a written record of his experiences could be very valuable to all members of his family. As children and grandchildren mature over the years, they are most likely to be very grateful for historical records from an elderly relative who had been involved in the dangerous time of the last (we hope) world war.

How difficult it is when we lose a loved one. Not only do we miss seeing and talking to him, but we want to be sure we have as much information about him as possible so that we can remember all the many wonderful things that we experienced in his presence. If you can remind yourself by reading the memoirs you wrote while in his company; it will bring back all those special memories of a delightful companion.

I do hope that you get the information you desire. It will mean so much to you in the future.

E-mail inquiries for Kensington resident Connie Lynch to

conniemw@aol.com. Lynch, Ph.D., is the founder of Mind Works, a mental fitness program designed for older adults, and is the author of "Don't Lose Your Mind, Four Components of Superior Mental Fitness." For information on books and classes, call 510-466-5833.

LET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 4-year-old female Rotweiler mix; 2-year-old female terrier mix; 3-year-old male German shorthaired pointer mix; 1/2-year-old male lab/Airedale mix; 2-year-old female Australian Shepherd/Heeler mix (deaf); 11-month-old Rotweiler/husky mix; 1-year-old male Boston terrier mix; 1-year-old female border terrier mix; 2-year-old border collie/Heeler mix; 2-year-old female shepherd/spitz mix; 2-year-old Australian shepherd mix; 9-year-old Aussie/Bernese mountain dog mix; 1-year-old Belgian malinois mix.

Cats: 3-month-old females black and gray tabby; 5-month-old female calico; 4-year-old female black and white; 2 1/2-year-old male Siamese mix; 3-year-old male exotic shorthair mix; 5-year-old male Norwegian forest cat mix; 9-year-old female tortoiseshell longhair; 4-year-old male Russian blue mix; 6-year-old female gray longhair; 1-year-old male orange tabby; 5-year-old male black and white longhair; 4-year-old male black longhair; 10-year-old female Norwegian forest cat mix; 2-year-old female orange and white longhair.

Adoption fee: dogs \$125; cats \$100 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeleyhumane.org or call 510-845-7735.



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

MAGPIE is an 8-year-old Daschund who may be available for adoption from the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. Magpie is a bit overweight, so she will need a nice walk every day. She likes cats and other dogs, and she adores people, pets and cuddles. For more information about Magpie or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Humane Society.



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THE JOURNAL

"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

GUEST COMMENTARY

Journal misrepresents waterfront initiative

By Robert Cheasty

UNFORTUNATELY, recent editorials in the Journal appear to have lined up with the pro-development side when it comes to the Albany waterfront.

While newspapers have the right to take sides, that can be problematic as it tends to slant the presentation of the issues, as happened in the March 31 editorial.

The editorial incorrectly states that the Albany Waterfront Protection Initiative "seeks to take away the right granted under Measure C to approve or reject any proposed zoning changes to the (waterfront) land..."

The opposite is true.

The initiative guarantees the right to vote on any changes to the waterfront zoning.

Plus, Albany voters will get to vote twice — once when they vote on the initiative itself in November and later, on any plan that could affect the zoning at the waterfront.

The initiative also provides a temporary moratorium for approving any development that violates the waterfront zoning, but this moratorium lasts only as long as it takes to do a specific plan for the entire waterfront — up to two years maximum.

By comparison, Albany has been distracted for approximately four years by the development proposals that the racetrack and developers have brought forward.

It is not surprising that there was misinformation in the editorial regarding the voting guarantees under the initiative. The developer's staffers (and some supporters) have been misinforming people in their telemarketing calls and at the developer-sponsored coffees around Albany.

The developer has hired a political lobbying firm and political operatives to write the materials and make the phone calls that have been flooding Albany.

The developer, Caruso, is no stranger to political battles. Caruso is one of the largest donors to both President Bush and to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. He is politically well-connected and spends to gain influence.

Those who favor a mall at the shoreline apparently want to push through a Caruso mall without comprehensive waterfront planning.

In addition, they are trying to scare Albany voters with the argument that Albany cannot survive without this developer.

Actually, Albany has been managing fine for almost a century without this developer. Of course, there is a wish list of things that the city would like to accomplish (new City Hall complex, continued repaving of roads, continued replacement of sewer lines, park refurbishing, etc.), but there has always been a wish list in Albany, as in all cities.

What Albany household does not have its own wish list? These things will be tackled all in good time.

As for the present, Albany has a balanced budget, no deficit, and about \$2 million in cash reserves.

We need thoughtful economic planning for Albany, examining what sustains a city and makes it economically healthy in the long run. We do not need an L.A. mall developer nor a Toronto track and casino operator to accomplish this.

We can do this together to make Albany even stronger than it is today.

But let's not destroy what's good about Albany. We have a vibrant downtown and a small town atmosphere plus a magnificent opportunity for a spectacular, open waterfront — all of which are threatened by this waterfront mall.

Caruso only offers us the classic mall at the edge of town that we have seen drain the vitality out of cities all over America. Plus, it will destroy the opportunity of protecting the waterfront open space for future generations. The Caruso mall represents bad urban planning.

This Albany Waterfront Protection Initiative came about as a direct result of the Albany City Council's refusal to create an independent planning process for the waterfront.

We support gathering information about the impacts of any waterfront development. It must be a comprehensive approach (as mandated in the initiative) and not a developer-sponsored piecemeal approach that is, in the end, designed just to add a mall to the racetrack on the waterfront.

Robert Cheasty is chair emeritus of Citizens for the Albany Shoreline and president of Citizens for East Shore Parks.

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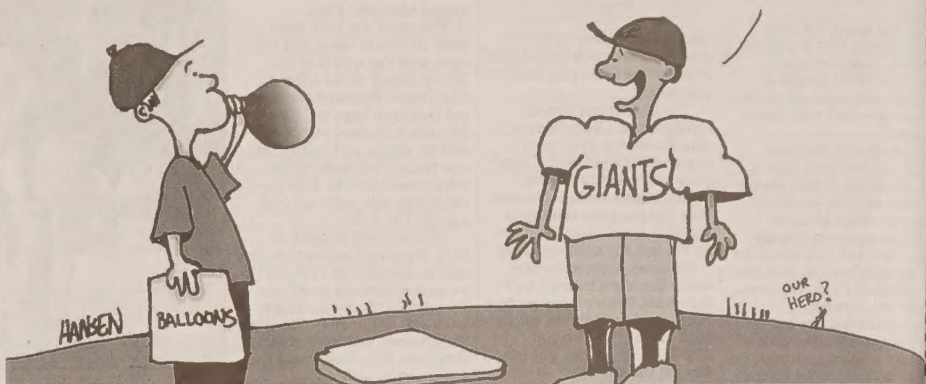
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IT'S TIME TO PLAY BALL

Six more ought to do it
if I'm going to play left field.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save our Albany shore

I visited the controversial Albany waterfront and reveled in its flora, fauna, sights, sounds and smells.

I saw where four, then six, unleashed dogs plunged and leaped in the foam, playing with their owners (who threw sticks) and with one another. Happy dogs, they never heard of Rick Caruso and his upscale ambience!

But these dogs will be leashed and fenced in if a huge mixed-use development (with a Nordstrom, no less) and a six-story garage are thrown over their spot of Bay.

Walking north, overlooking the path to the Bulb, I saw a flock of about 60 plump, matter-of-fact little willets, dredging for food with their long bills. Time stood still for them. The Bulb is their village and the Albany tax base another country.

Noise, fumes, density and Nordstrom wrappers would choke all such life. The dead watercourses in Rachel Carson's 1962 classic book, "Silent Spring," come to mind.

Nature abhors an upscale ambience! Shouldn't you? Please save our Albany shore.

Anne Richardson
Albany

A simplified version

Let me offer a greatly simplified version of the controversy in Albany.

My neighbor, Golden Gate Fields, wishes to add on to its home. Magna Entertainment holds the mortgage and Caruso Affiliated is the carpenter.

Golden Gate Fields and Caruso Affiliated came over and asked me about my concerns if the addition went up. They even asked me how big it could be and what the style should be. They came back to show me what they did with what I had told them. Then they repeated the process.

Before they pull the permits, they are going to ask me again if I like it (Measure C). The results will be an addition that does not block my air or light, does not impede my views, lessens my tax burden and improves the landscape of the street.

What more could they have done to make the whole plan better? They could invite me over to enjoy the garden and sit in the kitchen when it's finished. They are doing that, too.

Perfect. What is there to complain about?

Lubov Mazur
Albany

Benefits?

I wish to share my experience when I picked up four prescriptions at Kaiser Permanente.

Last year, four prescriptions, quantity 100 tablets each, cost me \$40, all generic. Just last week, the same four prescriptions cost me \$84.30 to refill the same quantity. What benefit is that?

We're being charged \$20 per month, over our monthly member premium, to belong to this "drug benefit." Is there someone out there who could explain to me what it is that I'm not understanding about the word "benefit"?

The dictionary explains "benefit" as an advantage. I guess I don't understand the word "advantage" either.

I, too, am a Kaiser Senior Advantage member. I believe the seniors are being taken advantage of with this so-called drug benefit plan.

Pat Massaro
El Cerrito

Immigration legislation

I am writing to express my disgust at the proposed federal legislation regarding illegal immigrants, HR4437, that passed the House 260-159 in December.

This bill contains provisions to build a 700-mile militarized wall along the border and make illegal immigration an "aggravated felony." Both of these provisions are disgusting because they appeal to the basest of voter instincts while completely failing to address the complexity of the issue.

Instead of politicizing the issue, we need to ask ourselves: What are the real impacts of immigration, both positive and negative? How can immigration be managed in a way that maintains the integrity of the country while addressing the needs and contributions of all the people who come here in search of a better life?

Send your ideas to your senators, as they are debating the issue right now.

Chris Roeske
Albany

Worst bill

As thousands of arrogant illegal residents protested in the streets of California, waving the flags of their foreign countries, Sen. Dianne Feinstein joined with seven other Democrats and four Republicans on the Senate Judiciary Committee to send to the full Senate floor the worst immigration bill in our nation's history.

Feinstein, and this cabal for the Chamber of Commerce, has rewarded illegal immigration, killed the technical future of American computer programmers, engineers and nursing students, and undermined the security of our borders.

As a lifelong Democrat, I concluded, after recently watching Feinstein on C-SPAN, that she had elevated the art of prostitution to a new level.

Tim Aaronson
El Cerrito

No war in Iran

Please join me in letting our president, senators and representatives know that we object to a war in Iran.

Our military and resources are already at a breaking point. We cannot protect our citizens from hurricanes and other natural disasters. There is no money for body armor or rehabilitation for badly injured soldiers, much less protection from avian flu or educating our children.

The Bush doctrine of pre-emptive wars has been a disaster in Iraq. It has made America and the world less safe. We need an exit strategy for Iraq, not another war in the region. The only hope of peace in the Middle East will come if

WRITE TO THE JOURNAL

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U.S. troops leave Iraq (and don't go into Iran), so Iraq (and Iran) can achieve some stability.

Don't let the president get away with another PR campaign that leads to more war and less peace for us and our children.

We do not want a war in Iran.

Merry Selk
Albany

Bush can't communicate

It is appalling how inarticulate this president is.

Clearly, Bush is incapable of intelligently designing, processing or executing any of his own thoughts verbally in a concise manner.

It isn't so much a cloak of secrecy this administration operates within. I'd say it's more like the president must avoid public forums just to save face.

J. C. Shuster
El Cerrito

Disastrous three years in Iraq

I am saddened that we have been in Iraq for three years.

Bush's pre-emptive war policy has been a disaster. The Bush administration should be ashamed that so many thousands of young lives have been lost in a war that is not making America or the world safer.

Instead, the U.S. troop presence in Iraq helps fuel the insurgency and decreases stability in Iraq.

Congress has a duty to strongly stand up to the president and insist on an exit strategy.

Mary Olynick
Albany

Lessons of history

I find it hard to believe that George W. Bush earned a history degree at Yale, because the lessons of history seem to be completely lost on him.

The British and the Russian experiences of meddling in Islamic cultures have pretty much demonstrated that it takes an iron fist to impose and maintain foreign values. And when the fist is withdrawn, the system falls apart — usually spilling much blood — and the cultures revert to their tribal ways.

Is the United States prepared to be in Iraq for the next 70 years (as Soviet Russia in Azerbaijan), and are you prepared to pay for it?

Elena Bridgman
El Cerrito

Bush is breaking the law

If Congress doesn't hold the president accountable, it is telling us that the president is above the law.

Carmen Patao
El Cerrito

Anniversary of a bad war

It seems history does repeat itself.

For those of us old enough to remember the Vietnam War, it is clear that it is time for the people to take the reins of government again.

I encourage all those with the courage to do so to take to the streets now and guide the politicians back to a course of sane foreign policy — and bring our troops home now.

Lester Appel
El Cerrito

Reading to your infant has benefits

"Public libraries have the ability to reach thousands of parents, caregivers and children and to greatly impact the early reading experiences of preschool children."

— From "Overview of Every Child Ready to Read @ your library" by Elaine Meyers and Harriet Henderson, on the American Library Association Web site (ala.org)



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

I think I actually believed you could sit down with a young baby and read the words of a book to her. So, while I was sitting, I tried it.

My first impulse was to simply hold her in my lap and show her the pictures while pointing to them and talking about them. However, feeling somewhat foolish, I decided to go the whole way, by reading the text on each page. In this case, there were several sentences on each one — very unlikely to hold her attention, in my opinion.

And, of course — since I am telling you this — the result amazed me. As I read, she seemed to be listening. Part of the time, I lifted the flaps in the book, so she could see the animal hiding behind each one.

When possible, I added the noise the animal makes, although there seemed to be a lot of silent animals in that particular book (what sound does a rabbit make?) But I also just read the text.

I know she didn't understand what I was saying. She did, however, seem to be grasping

the idea that when someone puts you on their lap and opens a book, words — or sounds, anyway — are connected.

And I can see that if this is a pleasant experience for babies — you are cuddling them, they can alternate between listening to the book and chewing on it — you are setting up a wonderful and positive connection to books. I think the simplicity of this message may be the most difficult part of it.

There is a huge market right now for materials that help parents make their child smart. There are DVDs, videos, books and tapes — all geared toward the idea that somehow by using them a child will have a higher I.Q. Some are beautifully packaged, with all sorts of research quoted on the back. And they are not a bad idea — especially if they encourage interaction between parent and child.

To my mind, though, nothing beats spending time with a child — one-on-one, talking and interacting time — for nourishing his or her mind and soul. Taking the opportunity to read or talk about a book, for even 20 minutes a day — a few minutes here and there — is straightforward, inexpensive (especially if it's a library book) and almost guaranteed to produce a happy baby and a proud parent.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclib.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

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Hours: Monday, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, closed; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library presents a drop-in poetry-writing workshop, led by Linda Elkin, on Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Elkin's poems have been published in many journals and anthologies, including: The Bloomsbury Review, Green Mountains Review, Tar River, 5 a.m. and in the anthology Kindred Terraces: American Writers in Greece (Truman State University Press). Cookies will be served.

■ The library's teen movie program continues with a series of films by legendary anime director Hayao Miyazaki on the first Wednesday of the month. The following films are planned: May 3: My Neighbor Totoro; June 7: Kiki's Delivery Service; July 5: Spirited Away. This program is aimed at middle- and high-schoolers. All films are shown in the Edith Stone Room. They start at 5 p.m. and finish by 7:15 p.m. at the latest. For information, visit the teen area at the Albany Library or contact Teen Services Librarian Julia Witwer at Ext. 20.

■ Free drop-in homework help is available for students in third through fifth grades. The homework center is open Mondays and Thursdays (except county holidays), from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Emphasis is placed on math and writing skills. No registration is required. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17 or e-mail jwinkelstein@aclib.org.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. with Dale Allen Boland. The sessions are free

and for all ages. No registration required. Call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

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Hours: Monday and Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ The library is offering free beginning Internet classes on Saturday mornings. All classes start at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Please sign up in advance. The schedule of classes are as follows: April 8: How to search the Web; April 22: All about e-mail; April 29: Useful Web sites; May 6: Health and medical information; May 20: Finding newspaper articles; May 27: Travel information; June 3: Finding magazine articles.

■ Children of all ages and their families are invited to the library on Saturday, April 15 at 11 a.m. as Larry Kluger, also known as "Lariat Larry," presents his program of tall tales and rope tricks. This special National Library Week program is sponsored by the Friends of the El Cerrito Library. After the program, children who stay for another half-hour will get some tips for producing a winning entry for the 2007 West County Reads Calendar Art Contest from artist Robbin Milne. Children who are not able to stay for the Calendar Art program will be able to take home poster material

and view a display of winning entries from last year on the library's bulletin board.

■ Children and their families are invited to the library for a series of Monday evening family story times that will continue through Monday, May 8. Each of the meetings, which include songs and fingerplays as well as stories, will begin at 7 p.m. and last about a half-hour. The themes for the remaining story times will be "Funny Bunnies and Waddy Ducks" on April 10, "Hide & Seek, Lost & Found" on April 17, "Vroom! (Things That Go)" on April 24, "Pink Snouts & Curly Tails (Stories About Pigs)" on May 1 and "I Love You, Mom & Dad!" on May 8. For information, call the library.

■ Join Carole Terwilliger Meyers for a slide presentation on the latest edition of her book, "Weekend Adventures in San Francisco and Northern California," on Thursday, April 20 at 7 p.m. The presentation will feature vacation wonders from Morro Bay in the south, to the Santa Cruz mountains, and north to the Wine Country and Eureka, including San Francisco and local East Bay places.

■ The spring series of Lapsit story times (formerly known as Babytime and Toddlerime) will continue through May 11. These story times, which meet on Thursdays at 10:15 and 11 a.m., are for babies and toddlers up to age 3 and their caregivers. Each meeting lasts about 20 minutes, and includes songs, bounces, games and fingerplays in addition to the stories. No registration is required.

■ Readers Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of each month. Future titles: April 25: "The

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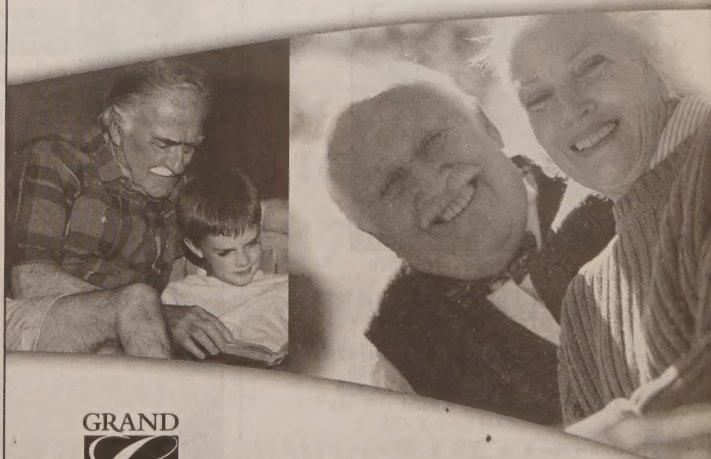
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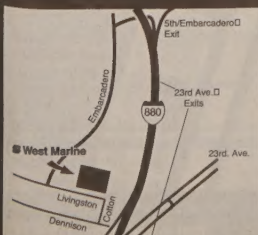
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ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

COUGAR PAWS: You can honor a student or graduate or someone important to you by purchasing a cougar paw. The paw of honor is the commemorative wall in the first-floor hallway. The wall consists of metallic paws in an antique bronze finish with an engraved message of your choice. The paws are available in either a five-inch (\$100) or 10-inch size (\$300) with up to six lines of engraving. The Athletic Boosters accepts the donations and facilitates the production of the cougar paws for a small fee. The remaining donation (\$65 for small and \$200 for large) is credited to the program of your choice (e.g., the Athletic Boosters, AHS Library, PTA, Choir, Band, Theater, Art, a sports program, or an individual class, e.g., senior class, or any other class). Order forms are available in the main office. Forms are also available by e-mail at ahsathleticboosters@yahoo.com. The Word document will be sent to you as an e-mail attachment. We plan to place another order for paws on May 15.

PTA OFFICERS: The majority of the PTA officers are senior parents who will be leaving. To date, the nominating committee has been unable to recruit anyone to serve on the PTA executive committee. This means that the PTA is at risk of losing its non-profit status, and as a result will be unable to underwrite many annual events. Some of the at-risk programs either partially or fully funded by the PTA are Career Day, Job Shadow Day, assemblies, mini-grants, parent education, PTA newsletter, the Cougar newspaper, senior scholarship, senior lunch, staff appreciation, AHS news (e-tree). The PTA needs a president, secretary and two vice presidents. The time commitment is a PTA meeting, an executive committee meeting and some outside work. Parents are urged to consider participation, even if

they have not been active in the PTA before. Contact Amy Freeman, chair of the PTA nominating committee, at freemirns@sbcbglobal.net as soon as possible.

SENIOR BULLETIN: The March Senior Bulletin is available in the counseling office, and on the AHS Web site at www.albany.k12.ca.us/ahs. To access the Senior Bulletin, click on "Counseling Office," then "College Planning." College, scholarship, and financial aid information is included in the Senior Bulletin.

CARTRIDGES FOR KIDS: Cartridges for Kids provides cash for used cell phones, PDAs, laptops, inkjets (HP and Lexmark only) and laser toner cartridges. So far this school year, it has earned \$205.50. For a limited time, while supplies last, bring in four items (cell phones, HP or Lexmark inkjets, or a laptop) and get a free "EarthSaver" gel bracelet, in green/blue earth tones. One per customer. Hurry in to the WorkAbility office with your four qualifying items for your bracelet.

SOFTBALL SIGN-UPS: Intra-mural softball sign-ups are under way. A team roster must have five to seven females and five to seven males. You may designate a captain and an "appropriate" team name (one your mother would approve of). Teams may not have more than two JV/varsity softball and two JV/varsity baseball players. A roster must be given to Mrs. Wanlin before break today.

Albany Middle School

ANNUAL SURVEY: What are the essential programs that are wanted at Albany Middle School? The annual survey is out and waiting for your response. You can vote on the e-tree, pick up a copy in the school office, or download the form from the e-mail and return it to the school office. It is most important that you take a few minutes and respond to the survey. The deadline to return your response is today. Students and teachers are

also responding to the survey. Once the data are compiled, results will be posted in the Clarion.

REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS: AMS is now taking registration applications for families living in Albany who do not presently have a child enrolled in the Albany schools. Registration is between 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. Families should come to the AMS school office and have proof of residency and immunization forms. If you have questions, please contact Jazz at 510-558-3615.

OPEN HOUSE: Parents are invited to the open house on Thursday, April 27, from 7-8 p.m. A fifth-grade parent orientation will be held prior to open house, at 6 p.m. in the gym.

BIKE THEFTS: The school has had a number of bike thefts over the past few weeks. The police have been notified. They suspect it may be a ring. Students who ride bikes to school should use a heavy-duty "U-Lock."

IIC MEETINGS: The IIC (Instructional Improvement Council) is an advisory committee that meets once a month, usually on the first Thursday, for lively discussions with the principal, counselors, teachers, other parents and students on topics regarding the Albany High School curriculum. These are issues that will affect students' future high school education and the current AMS curriculum, as preparation for AHS is also addressed. Minutes from IIC meetings are posted on the AHS e-tree. Anyone can send questions or comments to amscommunitybulletinboard@yahoo.com.

STUDENT DANCE: The next student dance is set for Friday, April 21, from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. Students are eligible providing they have no suspensions, are not on tardy alert, and have no overdue library books. Third quarter behavior applies for this dance.

Cornell Elementary

GREEN-A-THON: The annual Cornell Green-a-thon will be held on Earth

Day, Saturday, April 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Green-a-thon is a fundraiser and community event that has fun nature projects for the kids and their families and good food from the garden. Money raised goes toward the "greening of Cornell." A new green project, an edible school garden, is in the planning stages. All of this green progress needs volunteers to help. The Green-a-thon needs help with craft projects, food, set-up, and clean-up. Contact Kathy Farley at artdecor@pacbell.net or 510-527-3904.

Marin Elementary

SUMMER SCHOOL: Summer school dates are June 20-July 20. Summer school is for students completing grades 1-5 (not kindergarten) and only for students who are at risk of not meeting end-of-year grade-level standards in reading and math. Later this spring, applications will be sent only to families of those students as determined by district assessment.

PTA NOMINATIONS: Please read the letter that has come home with your child from PTA nomination chair Debbie Essex, and consider joining the PTA 2006-07 board. Peruse the open positions and nominate yourself or a friend. Nomination forms with open positions information are in the office.

ESCRIP: Families supporting Marin through eScrip generated more than \$8,000 in contributions from eScrip last year. Half of kindergarten families and slightly less than half of first-grade families have registered. If you haven't registered, go to www.escrip.com, pick up a form in the office, or contact Lucinda Young at 510-524-4636 or yoyes@sbcbglobal.net. Program details and registration instructions are on the PTA Web site at www.marinschoolpta.org.

— Bob Menzimer

E-mail school notes items to Bob.Menzimer@pacbell.net

EL CERRITO/KENSINGTON SCHOOL NOTES

El Cerrito High School

ONLINE AUCTION: An online auction is being held to benefit the 2006 Senior Grad Nite. Most items are unique, one-of-a-kind, and many are created by local artists. Go to www.elcerritoauction.com and follow the easy prompts to start bidding. Bidding will end on Saturday at midnight.

DEBATE NEWS: Last month, El Cerrito's Alison Fitch, Skye Elvin, John Young and Lucy Cain represented the Gauchos at the National Tournament Qualifiers at College Prep in Oakland. Alison lasted five rounds in the double-elimination competition; Skye lasted four rounds; and Lucy lasted three. Sally Walstrom competed in the Lone Star All-Female Round Robin in Dallas, finishing with an even record.

Harding Elementary

SCIENCE FAIR: Projects are due April 10.

BOOK FAIR: The Scholastic Book Fair will be April 11-14 before and after school in the Harding library. Proceeds from books purchased are used to purchase library materials.

CONSTRUCTION TASK FORCE: The next meeting is Thursday at 8:45 a.m. in the Harding Conference Room.

OPEN HOUSE: The Harding Open House will be Thursday from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. All classrooms will be open, and student work and science projects will be on display.

EGYPTIAN TOMB: The sixth-graders constructed an Egyptian tomb at the classroom entrance. To visit the newly made sarcophagus, visit room 147 during Open House on April 13.

HASEP CLASSES: Register for HASEP classes by Friday, April 14. Pick up a copy of the registration form at the Harding office or at the El Cerrito Community Center.

RUMMAGE SALE: Will be held Saturday, April 29. This is also Earth Day, so please donate items you are not using to the sale. Items need to be in good working condition. Needed are clothes, toys, small appliances (coffee makers), small tools and antiques. Proceeds support art, music and science programs. Bring your items to the school office.

DR. SUESS CELEBRATION: As part of the celebration for Dr. Suess Day, first-grade classes made green eggs and ham. Sixth-graders made edible Oobleck pudding. Sixth-graders also read to their first-grade buddies, and third-graders read to their kindergarten buddies.

EGG SALE: Spring Eggs will be on sale April 3-April 13 during lunch time for 50 cents each. They will be delivered on April 14 to classrooms. For more student news, pick up a copy of the Tiger Times from the school office.

Kensington Elementary

PEET'S CARDS: \$20 Peet's Coffee &

Tea gift cards will be sold every Wednesday morning from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. in the office breezeway and every Wednesday afternoon at the same location as the pizza sales. Peet's cards can be spent on coffee, tea and products at any Peet's store or online, and KEF gets 10 percent back. Questions? Call Nette Barry at 510-527-7898.

SPELL-A-THON MATCHING CONTRIBUTIONS: Check with your employer's human resources department to find out whether your employer will match your donation to the school. Some employers will even honor contributions done in the previous school year (last year's Spell-a-thon or the fall Telethon). You will probably need to provide the date of your contribution, the amount, and the full name of the beneficiary (Kensington Education Foundation). KEF is a nonprofit group. Questions? Call Nette Barry at 510-527-7898.

RECYCLE CHALLENGE: Join Ms. Ruff's first grade class in the plastic bag recycle challenge. Bring your unwanted plastic shopping and grocery bags to room 5 or place in the collection box in the foyer of the school. Deadline is April 15.

BOOK FAIR: The Spring Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library April 25-28. To volunteer, please contact Nora Hirose at 510-215-1942 or nhirose@sbcbglobal.net or Debbie

Hayakawa at 510-528-8803 or dhayakawa@sbcbglobal.net

SPRING CARNIVAL: The Kensington Hilltop School's PTA and Dads' Club will host the school's 59th annual spring carnival on Saturday, May 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. As in recent years, the 2006 carnival will include a wide range of games for kids of all ages, a great selection of prizes, lunch offerings from the Dads' Club grill, treats from the bake sale, and a visit from the Kensington police and fire departments. And, as has been the case for the previous 22 years, a quilt designed and crafted by Kensington parents will be raffled off that afternoon. For more information, contact Alison Roberts (Kensington PTA) by e-mail at alisonroberts@aol.com or Walt Gill (Dads' Club) at waltgill335@comcast.net.

RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS: Donate a gift certificate from your business or restaurant for the annual spring quilt raffle fund-raiser. Contact Linda Ruiz-Lozito at lozito@sbcbglobal.net or Amy Kurzer at msogul@covad.net.

— Craig Lazeretti

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Library

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Great Fire" by Shirley Hazzard; June 27: "Gilead" by Marilynne Robinson. The May meeting has been canceled.

■ If you would like to learn about the Internet or basic word processing, the library offers hour-long appointments on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Its Internet docents will help you learn as much as you would like. Call the library to make an appointment.

Kensington Library

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■ The library will host the fourth in a free five-part reading and discussion series called "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature — Identity and Imagination" on Saturday at 2 p.m. Led by Dr. Naomi Seidman of the Graduate Theological Union, the discussion will be on the book "The Centaur in the Garden" by Moacyr Scliar. The series is made possible through a grant from Nextbook and the American Library Association.

■ The library presents "After the Ruins, 1906-2006: San Francisco's Earthquake and Fire Remembered" on Monday at 7 p.m. In honor of the centennial of the 1906 earthquake

and fire, Kay Payne of the Contra Costa Speakers Program of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco will give a slide lecture, including works by renowned photographer Arnold Genthe. Also included will be stories, personal reminiscences and eyewitness accounts of those who coped with catastrophe.

■ The library's book club will discuss the following titles in coming months: April 24: "Tortilla Curtain" by T.C. Boyle; May 22: "For Whom the Bell Tolls" by Ernest Hemingway; June 27: "The Sea Wolf" by Jack London; Aug. 28: "How the Garcia Girls Lost Their Accents" by Julia Alvarez; Sept. 25: "Huckleberry Finn" by Mark Twain; Oct. 23: "The Piano Tuner" by David Mason.

■ Ventriloquist Tony Borders and his puppets will present an adventure story time on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. All ages are welcome.

■ Jan Robitscher and her dog Omas will teach how dogs interact and work with the visually impaired on Saturday, April 22, at 11 a.m. All ages are welcome.

■ Family story times are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. All ages welcome.

— Craig Lazeretti

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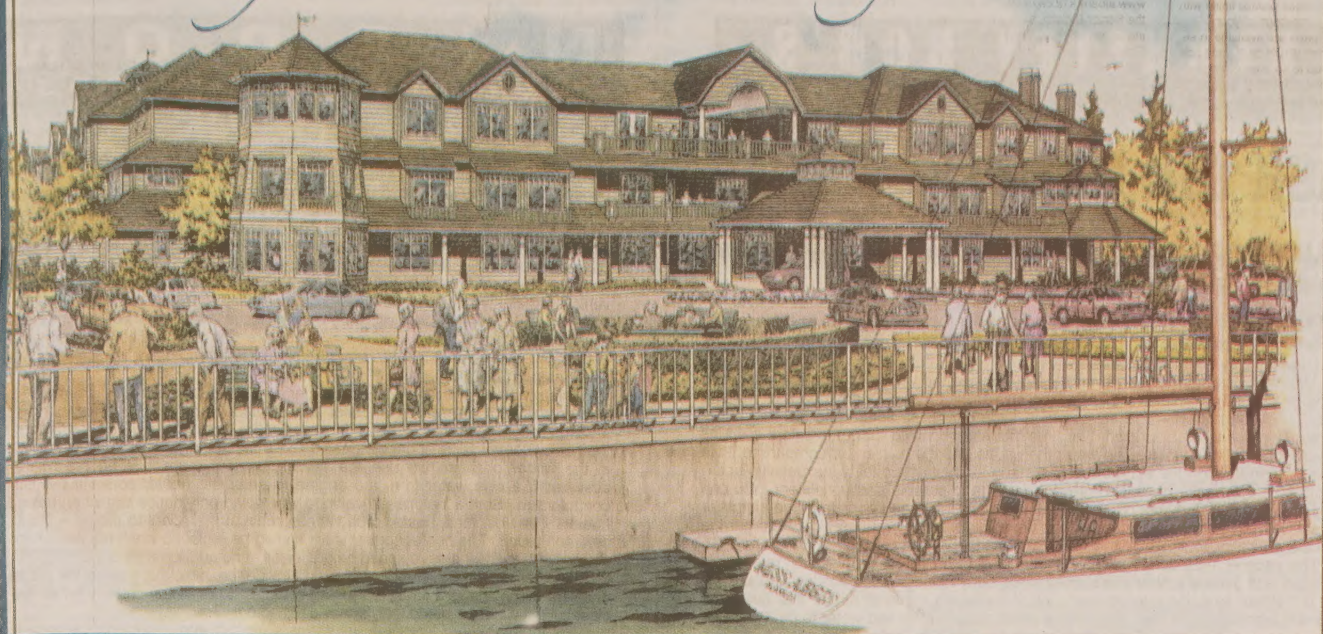
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The second most common leak is due to old and dry rubber seals. Your car is equipped with several rubber seals: door seals, body seals at door, window seals, trunk seal or tailgate seal and sunroof seal. All of these are made of rubber that over time dries out, cracks and shrinks. This allows small gaps to form and water to pass through during heavy rain storms. The proper repair for this is to replace the seals that have shrunk. This type of repair is expensive due to the cost of the seals, which can range in price from \$100 to \$500 – not including labor! We have on occasion reinforced a seal with silicone. This type of repair is temporary and reduces the cost considerably but sometimes does not work.

If your car is a convertible and is leaking, have the top checked. The sun causes them to dry out and shrink just like the rubber seals. The repair is costly as the top must be replaced to stop the leak. However, if your car is just a few years old check with your dealer as the top may still be under warranty.

Next, windshield leaks. All windshields have either a rubber or chemical seal that secures them into the opening. This security wears out over time and can cause an active water leak into the cabin. Water usually leaks in from the driver side or passenger side corners and, due to gravity, drips down the instrument panel or dash to the carpet. During a heavy downpour you can watch the water drip. These types of leaks are not as expensive to repair as one would think. Depending on which component has failed, repair costs can range from \$50 for trim moulding replacement to \$300 or more for windshield replacement. The windshield has to be removed to replace the seal, and due to the delicacy of old windshield glass, most places recommend new glass because the chance that the old glass will break upon removal or reinstallation is great.

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us, on our coats, umbrellas, packages etc.. This water drips onto the carpet and due to the rainy weather doesn't usually have time to evaporate or dry out. So over a period of time – say a week straight of rain (or in our area 3 weeks straight of rain) this really creates a greenhouse atmosphere inside the vehicle. Water condense on the interior window glass. The remedy here is to have a good working defrost system. Remember the defroster utilizes the air conditioner to rid the car of condensation, so you must have a working air conditioner in order for your defroster to work. The heat from our bodies and breath can cause moisture buildup inside the vehicle. Again, we must use the defroster to eliminate this situation while driving. If your defroster doesn't work it could be a safety issue especially if you are driving with several passengers. The repairs on defrosters and air conditioners vary greatly. Worst case scenario is the need for air conditioner compressor replacement which can run up to \$800.

A leaking heater control valve or heater core can fill the passenger compartment with engine coolant (mixture of water and ethylene glycol) which creates moisture and smells funny. The leak comes from under the dash, usually the driver side if it's the heater control valve or passenger side if it's the heater core. We notice this more in the winter because we use the heating system more. When the heater is activated it allows water from the engine to enter the heater core via the heater control valve. So if a leak has developed you would only notice this when using the heater. The cost for a heater core varies greatly from model to model – but it's a common repair. The heater control valve should be replaced when the heater hoses are done; this way it gets replaced before it fails at no additional labor cost.

Another reason moisture can build up inside the vehicle is leaving the windows cracked, which allows a small amount of water to leak into the cabin. Remember to close all the windows completely if rain is expected.

Remember, water leaks left unattended are dangerous not only because they can cause condensation to develop on the interior of the windows but also because they can cause mold to grow under the carpet – a problem that's hard to get rid of and that creates an unhealthy environment.

Other wet weather tips – check your tires and wiper blades. Tires should be at their best during rainy winter conditions. There are many places where the road has washed away, and because you can't see how deep these holes are when driving into them, you could easily blow out a worn tire. So make sure your tires have plenty of tread and the correct tire pressure. Also, check your windshield wipers. Too many people drive around during winter with bad blades that smear the water, greatly reducing visibility. Clean the windshield and the wiper blade surface with rubbing alcohol to rid the area of oily soot caused by air pollution. This will allow the blade to come in contact with the windshield without skipping or jumping. If after cleaning the blades they still skip, replace them with a set of quality blades. This winter has been long and rainy, so it's possible you may have to replace the blades twice!

I hope this answers some of the questions you have about water leaks and rain safety. Please remember to drive smart and safe during these last few (I hope) rainy days.

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California environmental law for a mitigation for the impact on the owl, and it was decided a new habitat would be created on the plateau, which was designed in the Eastshore State Park plan as a conservation and recreational area.

"I think it's been a win-win deal for the community," Berkeley bird advocate Doug Fielding said. "Berkeley bird advocates have been working to get people coming late to this already happened."

— Doug Fielding

"I apologize to people coming late to this and who didn't realize a lot of this already happened."

it would include interpretative signs.

Within the fenced area, three large plastic boxes mimicking burrows would be buried 3 feet underground, which the birds could access through an 8-foot-long tunnel made of corrugated plastic.

Albany waterfront committee member Steve Granholm said the habitat would be similar to other protected areas at the Berkeley Meadow.

"I think it's something a lot of people will appreciate when the habitat is in place and they have an opportunity to enjoy it," Granholm said.

If after five years the birds do not take advantage of the artificial burrows, the land could be considered for other uses.

Marilyn Saarni expects nothing less.

"This is in fact a mitigation that's probably going to fail," said Saarni, a member of the group Let

It Be. The group has lobbied for no changes along the plateau and other former landfills that comprise part of the Albany waterfront.

Saarni and others also complained that the plan for the habitat, which has been in the works for months, had been not been made available to the public until Friday afternoon.

Resident Clay Larson added that the process may have been inconsistent with California environmental law and the city's general plan.

Representatives of the Sierra Club and the Golden Gate Audubon Society did not contradict Clay Larson or Saarni but noted that the plateau had been slated for changes as part of the Eastshore State Park — if not for owls, then for ball fields.

Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi was recovering from surgery and did not attend the meeting.

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Soft story

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The protection is a steel beam anchored 4 feet into the foundation and attached to the living space above the garage.

"It's going to hold the (garage) opening in place and keep the house from collapsing," said William Schock, the San Leandro chief building official and president of the California Association of Building Officials. He aided this newspaper in an investigation of single-family home retrofits.

Kajiwaru did two things right, Schock said. First, he understood that the soft story represented a serious problem. Then, he hired an engineer to help find a solution. Anyone with a similar soft-story property should take the same measures, Schock said.

A soft-story home is difficult to protect because "that big (garage) opening is your most vulnerable spot in the building,"

Schock said.

Hundreds of soft-story homes in San Francisco's Marina District collapsed or suffered major damage in the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. So did similarly designed homes in Southern California during the 1994 Northridge quake.

Kajiwaru's house was built in 1940. His family moved there in 1969 and for decades, he said, he "took sort of a cavalier attitude" toward making the house safer. A few years ago he yielded to pressure from his wife and decided to have the house retrofitted.

Because all soft-story homes are different, it is impossible to design a single standard for retrofitting, said Roger Sharpe, a retired Walnut Creek chief building official who worked with Schock

on this investigation.

"There is no magic wand," Sharpe said.

But some structural engineers can design unique solutions, he said.

"The homeowner should get as informed as possible," Sharpe said.

Kajiwaru had an advantage because he is an architect and had an in-depth understanding of buildings and earthquake safety. But he still had to act, Sharpe and Schock said, and the result is an example that other soft-story homeowners can turn to that demonstrates how to improve safety.

Kajiwaru said he is confident in the design but hopes it is never tested. "You spend the time and money to do it, but you don't want to know if it will work."

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Seismic

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No safeguards

Some homeowners, such as Fumi Knox, an attorney who lives in Berkeley, were surprised to learn of questionable work.

Schock and Sharpe found bolts in Knox's foundation without washers and a patchwork of plywood reinforcement inconsistently placed in the basement with a hodgepodge of nails of various sizes. Knox, who bought the house in 2004, said she assumed the work, done in the late 1990s, made her safer.

"I thought it was better than nothing," she said. The inspectors found the work provided her with no safeguards.

Knox hired a structural engineer who concurred with the findings of the inspectors. "The strengthening does not appear to be well done," the engineer wrote in a report. Knox said she intends to have the house properly retrofitted as soon as possible.

Terry Rossen, another Berkeley resident, said he had "a gut feeling that something was out of whack" when he and the two other owners of a three-unit Berkeley condo paid \$7,000 for work on an interior garage wall.

"We probably didn't get much for \$7,000," Rossen said. The inspectors said they doubted the single interior reinforced wall and foundation bolts would protect the home.

'Making it up'

Like they did with Knox's house, Schock and Sharpe crept through shallow crawl spaces and navigated cluttered garages and basements to reach the retrofit work.

They crawled across dirt with only a foot or two of head space, and wedged themselves between narrow beams to compare the work with retrofit standards widely accepted in the engineering and construction communities — standards that Schock's San Leandro department and some other cities recommend to homeowners and contractors.

The deficiencies they routinely found included:

- Nails that were either too small, which can leave connections weak, or too big, which can split critical wood blocks.

- The weakening of reinforced walls, known as shear walls, by dri-

ving nails too deeply into plywood.

- Nailing into shear walls that missed the beams behind them.

- Shear walls made of misshapen pieces, or "quilt-works," of plywood rather than the full-size sheets needed to effectively transfer earthquake forces.

- Work done on interior basement walls that should have been done on exterior walls attached to the foundation.

- Shear walls improperly attached to floor joists.

- Brackets designed to prevent hurricane damage are often improperly used to connect shear walls to joists. Stronger brackets specifically designed to transfer earthquake forces between the joists and shear walls are needed.

With no specific code requirements for what constitutes a safe residential retrofit and for which materials should be used, "the contractors appear to be making it up as they go along," Schock said.

"The homeowner needs a standard to work from. The homeowner doesn't know. They look under the house and see a bunch of shiny hardware and think it's all OK. It makes sense to have statewide standards," he said.

Schock urged homeowners to educate themselves about seismic retrofits. If work has been done on their homes, they should compare it with standards supported by the Association of Bay Area Governments and, if needed, hire a structural engineer to evaluate their home.

'False security'

The findings illustrate "an incredible false sense of security" that exists among homeowners who have paid for retrofit work that gives them less protection than they think they have, said Jeanne Perkins, who runs the Association of Bay Area Governments earthquake program.

A late-1990s association study of retrofit work reached basically the same conclusion, Perkins said.

"There is an expectation that the retrofit will be done appropriately. The permit is signed off on, and they can't see the work. It's not like a kitchen or a bathroom. The homeowner doesn't typically crawl under their house."

Perkins said there is "an acknowledged need" for code standards and no question that such regulations would enhance public safety. But, she added, "some people see it as (a) requirement imposed by local government. It is a public policy question."

Building codes are national and international standards that experts establish and that states routinely update through administrative and legislative processes. But the general building code in the United States — which California uses — doesn't address earthquake retrofits.

That leaves the state to adopt its own standards.

"It is a very complex process at the state level" to set standards, said Steve Nishimura, executive director of the California Building Standards Commission. "State law has to specify it."

There are state standards for the reinforcement of masonry walls, but none that directly address home seismic retrofits, said Jim McGowan, the program operations manager of the state Department of Housing and Community Development's Division of Codes and Standards.

It would take an act of the Legislature for the state body to consider standards, he said, but cities and counties could act independently.

A uniform standard adopted by either the state or governments in earthquake-prone counties would "allow building officials to do the jobs they would like to do," said Tom Tobin, the former executive director of the California Seismic Safety Commission. "And some contractors would love to have the guidance."

Three key elements

Guidance, though, appears to be lacking at most levels.

For example, the state has a 10-year-old law that gives homeowners with earthquake insurance policies a 5 percent discount on premiums if their houses are retrofitted. But the law doesn't require what engineers and building experts say are the three elements that make a retrofitted home safe. Without all three of those components — bolts attaching the home to its foundation; plywood shear walls; and braces that strongly tie those shear walls to the home's first floor — an older house would likely suffer major damage in an earthquake.

Still, homeowners frequently hire contractors to bolt their houses to foundations without doing more work. By themselves, the bolts don't help, but they also don't make the structure weaker, which is the standard for building work.

"It is 'no harm, no foul,'" Schock said. While building department officials urge homeowners to do

more, he said, "we can't prevent them from doing" partial retrofits.

Because a building permit is issued for the bolting, a homeowner not familiar with retrofit principles might believe the home is safer.

Schock and Sharpe propose a statewide code standard for a single-family home retrofit that requires the three basic elements — bolts, shear walls and tie-downs — be shown on plans before building permits are issued.

Included would be details such as nail size, width of plywood and type of tie-down.

A building inspector would later confirm that the work conforms to the plans, Sharpe said.

California's lack of code standards "makes it the laughingstock of the rest of the nation," said Fred Turner, an engineer with the state Seismic Safety Commission.

Change will likely first occur in earthquake-vulnerable cities, Turner said.

Even the mayor's house in Berkeley, which offers homeowners a 0.5 percent rebate on the city's real estate transfer tax if it is applied to retrofit work, might become the first city in the state to adopt retrofit standards.

The proposed Berkeley standards would require contractors to comply with the basic components of earthquake damage prevention to receive a building permit. The standards could be added to the city code later this year.

Mayor Tom Bates wants the city to adopt the rules. He hired a retrofit specialist who found that work on Bates' 100-year-old home was questionable.

"The foundation wasn't tied to the shear wall in the front," Bates said in an interview. The work's shortcomings "were clearly visible," said Bates, who crawled under the house with his inspector. "It just isn't as simple a thing as one thought."

Bates said he also wants the city to find a better way of tracking the work done under its rebate program.

Some homeowners spent the rebate money on partial work and had no other funds to complete the job. When the house is sold again, another rebate opportunity occurs, but there is no city rule to ensure the next round of work finishes what has already been started.

The city needs to ensure contractors aren't taking advantage of both the rebate program and unsuspecting homeowners by doing needless work that makes nothing safer, Bates said.

"There are instances where people have abused the (rebate program) and put bolts every six inches," he said.

Turner, the Seismic Safety Commission engineer, praised Berkeley for taking the lead on standards. "The state would really benefit from a few pioneer jurisdictions," he said.

Engineers who have studied retrofits, Turner said, are frustrated that public awareness about their benefit continues to lag despite the

state's vulnerability to quakes.

"The thing is, they won't get actual earthquakes. That is the problem," he said.

But they have to be prepared properly.

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THE BASICS

A glossary of terms associated with the seismic retrofitting of a single-family home.

■ **Cripple wall:** The wall in the crawl space of a home between the foundation and home's first floor.

■ **Shear wall:** Sheets of plywood nailed to the studs of an exterior wall, such as a cripple wall, to provide bracing against the shaking forces of an earthquake.

■ **Mudsill:** The strip of wood on top of the foundation to which the cripple wall is attached.

■ **Floor joists:** The beams beneath a floor that hold it up.

■ **Shear transfer tie:** A metal brace nailed into both the shear wall and the floor joists that allows the shear wall to support the house during the shaking of an earthquake.

■ **Soft story:** An open area, commonly a garage, at ground level with a room directly above it. Because of the garage door, one wall of the house can't be secured with shear wall.



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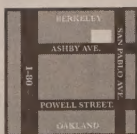
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Homeowners often order pre-sale inspection reports. This inevitably raises the question of how much, if any, of the recommended work should be done before selling.

Really, any defect that would be serious to a buyer or lender who views the property during the sale process should be repaired.

First impressions are important. So, if the fence or entry porch are rotted and look shabby, repair them. If the exterior paint is peeling, repaint. You get a big payback when you repair a defect and improve appearance by doing so.

For example, let's say that the pest (also known as termite) inspector finds dry rot under the

linoleum in a bathroom. If the linoleum is worn and outdated, you'll do better on the sale if you replace the floor covering with a new, trendier one. In the course of doing this, the wood rot can be repaired.

As a result, the house shows better and a defect is eliminated — two benefits for the price of one.

Recently, a pest inspector who did a pre-sale inspection on a Pied-

mont home found dry rot and fungus in a glass-and-wood container that ran from the floor to the ceiling through the end of the family room.

The container was constructed to surround a birch tree. The tree subsequently died. The container no longer served a function, obstructed a beautiful outlook, and looked weird. The seller had it removed before selling the house, eliminating the eyesore and the wood damage.

You certainly can't be expected to rebuild your home in order to sell

requirements. It would have had to be redesigned. So the seller decided to leave the deck as it was and disclose that the deck needed to be replaced. The future owners could have the new deck designed to meet their needs at a later date.

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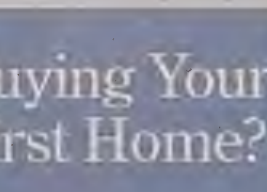
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Sunday \$979,000
Magnificent Victorian, 5BR/2+BA, HWF, new kitchen, deck, backyard.
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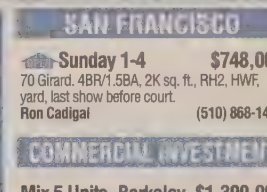
OAKLAND
Sunday 2-5 \$449,000
3038 Suter. 2BR/1BA Craftsman with HWF, built-ins, coved ceiling, new paint.
M. Bottano/B. Salomone (510) 428-0900



OAKLAND
Sunday 1-4 \$419,000
625 Madison #105. Cozy 2BR/2BA condo close to BART, downtown Oakland.
San & Vivian (510) 834-2010



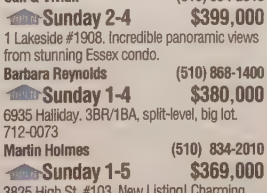
OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4 \$399,000
1 Lakeside #1908. Incredible panoramic views from stunning Essex condo.
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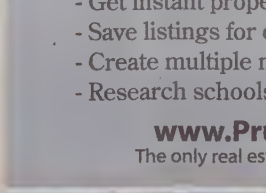
SAN FRANCISCO
Sunday 1-4 \$748,000
70 Girard. 4BR/1.5BA, 2K sq. ft., RH2, HWF, yard, last show before court.
Ron Cadigal (510) 868-1400



OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4:30 \$725,000
3038 Suter. 2BR/1BA Craftsman with HWF, built-ins, coved ceiling, new paint.
M. Bottano/B. Salomone (510) 428-0900



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1 Lakeside #1908. Incredible panoramic views from stunning Essex condo.
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OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4:30 \$699,000
2333 Thornhill. Enchanting 2+BR/2BA in top location. New price!
Lucy Vieira (510) 868-1400



OAKLAND
Sunday 2-5 \$529,000
1035 Emerald Street - Teresca. New Listing! 3BR/1BA Craftsman gem! Don't miss!
Nancy Plattford (510) 339-9290



OAKLAND
Sunday 2-5 \$549,000
215 Ruby. Stylish bungalow. 2BR/2BA & art studio, yard, near BART.
Lucy Vieira (510) 868-1400



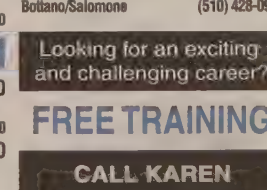
OAKLAND
Sunday 1-4 \$545,000
605 57th St. Fantastic remodeled 2BR/2BA, full basement, garage, do not miss!
Nancy Plattford (510) 845-0211



OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4:30 \$520,000
1415 Dwight Way. Custom Craftsman 3BR/1BA, private yard, separate condo home.
Robbie Powell (510) 428-0900



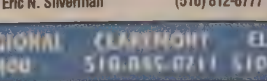
OAKLAND
Sunday 2-4:30 \$519,000
2022 9th St. Charming 2BR/1BA bungalow with expansion opportunity!
Doug Fuller (510) 339-9290



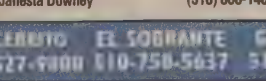
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Sunday 1-4 \$460,000
21239 Gary Dr. #211. 2BR/2BA, 1,100 sq. ft. with bay views! Remodeled.
Sandi Porter (510) 834-2010



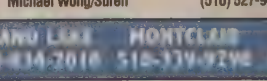
ALAMEDA
Sunday 1-4 \$350,000
309 Pacific Ave. 2BR/1BA coop townhome in desirable Alameda.
Janesta Downey (510) 868-1400



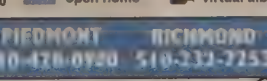
ALAMEDA
Sunday 2-4 \$549,000
2421 Curtis. Adorable 2BR/1BA bungalow w/ sunny, open floor plan, remodeled kitchen, garage/studio & spacious backyard.
Eric N. Silverman (510) 812-6777



ALAMEDA
Sunday 1-4 \$350,000
309 Pacific Ave. 2BR/1BA coop townhome in desirable Alameda.
Janesta Downey (510) 868-1400



ALAMEDA
Sunday 1-4 \$420,000
1751 Liberty St. #204. El Cerrito. 2BR/2BA, move-in condition near transportation.
Michael Wong/Suren (510) 527-9800



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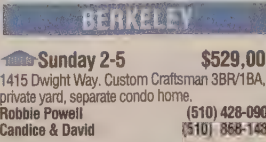


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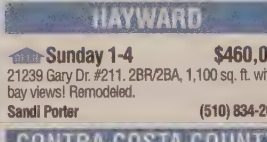
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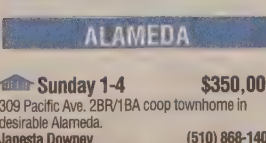
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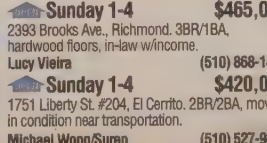
BERKELEY
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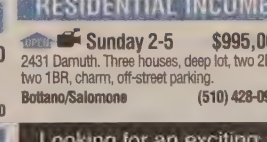
HAYWARD
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21239 Gary Dr. #211. 2BR/2BA, 1,100 sq. ft. with bay views! Remodeled.
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Real Estate Focus:

A charming 1940s home in Oakland



THIS 1941 HOME AT 8048 EARL ST., Oakland has all the extras — curb appeal with lovely roses rising behind a white picket fence, a park-like back yard and impeccable interior with vintage details. The well-kept kitchen has blue-tile counter borders and a breakfast nook looking out over the expansive back garden. It is great for entertaining or just relaxing on the weekend. The home has a nice open feeling, beautiful refinished hardwood floors, a fireplace, all new double paned wood windows allowing lots of light, a wonderful, large master bedroom and two excellent additional bedrooms, one with an attached, private office, study, or library area. The two bathrooms have been remodeled from top to bottom. If that's not enough, there are many upgrades including a new, on-demand water heater.

Price: \$535,000. Open home April 8 and 9, from 2 - 4:30 p.m.

Listing agent: Colleen McFerrin, Bayside Real Estate, 510-387-3790.

Tax time is just part of your financial picture

It is tax time again and deadlines are looming. But as you begin preparing to file your 2005 tax return, now is a good time to review your overall financial picture as well. As with all your investments, it is important to have a good handle on your tax situation, so you can maximize any savings opportunities that may exist.

While many of your investment decisions will not be made on the basis of tax planning alone, there are still several tax-related strategies you should consider to help minimize Uncle Sam's tax bite, leaving you more money to put away for your own future.

Here are some items to be aware of as you prepare your 2005 tax return, and also a few things to

consider as you look to the future as well.

When figuring your taxes each year, it is important to take note of all your capital gains and losses over the course of the year, and come up with a net gain or loss. For investments you have held for one year or less, you will be calculating what are known as short-term gains or losses. Long-term applies to those investments you have held longer than one year.

To calculate your overall gain or loss, start by comparing similar investments. First net your short-term gains versus short-term losses, and then net your long-term gains versus long-term losses. Once you have those two figures, you can then net short-term against long-term to come up with your total gain or loss for the year. If you are left with a net loss, you can take a deduction for up to \$3,000 against ordinary income on your taxes for that year. Any excess losses over that \$3,000 amount can be carried over to the next year to go through the same netting process again.

Tax time is also a good opportunity to revisit a couple of long-term savings opportunities. The tax filing deadline is the last day to make contributions to a traditional or a Roth IRA and have them counted for the 2005 tax year. So if you have not already maxed out your contributions for last year, you still have time to get those in. The maximum contribution for 2005 is \$4,000, and persons age 50 or older are allowed to make additional "catch-up" contributions of another \$500. Looking ahead, that catch-up limit will be raised to \$1,000 for 2006, bringing the total contribution allowable for those nearing retirement up to \$5,000.

Education Savings Accounts also need to be funded by the April filing deadline. The maximum contribution for these accounts is \$2,000 per child, per year. Note that ESAs are also subject to certain income requirements. But if you are eligible to contribute to an ESA, now is a good time to consider adding to — or possibly establishing — a savings account for your child's education.



LEILA GOUGH
Money Matters

Here are some items to be aware of as you prepare your 2005 tax return, and also a few things to consider as you look to the future as well.

Keep in mind that contributions made during 2006 for 2005 are still considered gifts for 2006 for federal gift tax purposes. While many people dread the sometimes tedious process of filing their tax returns, you can use this annual ritual to conduct a thorough review of your overall financial situation. You may just find several other savings opportunities that you would not otherwise have considered.

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Ah, the good old days, or were they

One in a series of articles about the latest in real estate issues and technology

Imagine that you have just received a call from your employer. The home office needs you in San Diego. You have two months to sell your home and be there.

In the old days, BT (before technology), you would have to put your home on the market, go to the Realtors office and do a ton of paperwork. When an offer came in, off you'd go to the Realtor's office again to review and perhaps counter that offer. Meanwhile you're flying down to San Diego so you can look at neighborhoods and homes there.

While you are in San Diego, your agent is calling you wanting to know how he can get additional paperwork to you for your signature. Further, it seems every time you leave San Diego you are getting a call about a new listing that "just came on the market that you just have to see!"

When you find the home that's right for you, there are reams of paper that were faxed, sometimes "over-faxed" so as to be barely legible. Not only that, but Ed, the office busybody, always seemed to be around the fax machine when your counter offer came in or your purchase contract went out.

Of course you want to coordinate the close of escrow of the home you're selling with the home you're about to buy, so you are constantly trying to find out if contingencies on your current home have been removed, so that you are free to proceed with your new purchase. And so on and so on.

Oh, by the way, you're still supposed to be very sharp at work, attentive to your family while keeping,

up with your New Year's resolution to go to the gym at least three days per week.

Does this scenario all seem a bit overwhelming? I'll say. And truth be told, it still is.

However, today, if you are working with a Realtor who uses technology to your benefit, it doesn't have to be quite so crazy.

Today, while still used by a small number of Realtors, digital signatures give the consumer the ability to create almost paperless transactions: Transactions that don't require you to run down to the real estate office to sign papers, that don't require you to read "over-faxed" documents that are being looked over by your co-workers when you approach the fax machine.

This technology, created by DocuSign Inc. and approved by the California Association of Realtors, and other associations nationwide, is a secure and confidential way to complete a transaction without having to leave your home or office. It can be used anywhere you have internet access. (Imagine how much more convenient if you were attempting to conduct business while traveling in a foreign country — Stephen King's novels don't come close to the nightmare that "BT" transactions can wreak on a vacation or important business trip.)

While digital signatures have been around for some time, (You can file your tax returns online and sign them digitally) their use will increase dramatically in 2006. Though our industry has been slow to implement this technology, clients will insist on its use once they are aware of how safe, secure and reliable it is.

As for all those phone calls or e-mails: There is now an intranet,



PHIL WEINGROW
Round the Way

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your agent has access to the our state association, which you to see your transaction. All of the contract documents, praisals, contingency removals, as well as disclosures and reports available for you to see and online. It is a password-protected site that permits you to reform no matter where you are. This escrow platform is called lay, and is growing in use everywhere. Isn't that easier? Now you have time to go to the gym at least you can't use the "c" rated real estate transaction excuse.

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Visionaries predict real estate industry changes over the next five years

INMAN NEWS

Looking to the future at first conjures pictures of flying cars that fold into briefcases, doors that open by recognizing fingerprints and microchips implanted in our brains that keep tabs of our bank accounts, important passwords and contact databases. Fast-forwarding to 2010 may not seem too far away, but big changes lie ahead for the real estate industry.

Inman News asked some industry visionaries what changes they predict for real estate over the next five years. We heard many of the same themes: less paper, more Internet, more service from agents, and more integrated and streamlined real estate transactions.

Here's a sampling of what the real estate industry might look like in five years:

Christopher Cagan, First American: Cagan, director of research and analytics at First American Real Estate Solutions, predicts that all parties to realty transactions will sharpen their knowledge and market savvy, and come to the transaction more full of information than today. "In 2010, everybody will have instant access to property and market information that only a few experts formerly knew," Cagan said.

But the increased information flow won't erase the real estate agent from the transaction altogether. While computers will do much of the "ordinary work," Realtors will be as necessary as they were in 1990 or 1960 to show properties and guide buyers and sellers through a deal. As a result, efficiency will improve, costs will fall and the transaction will become speedier, more convenient and less stressful for everyone.

Ed Krafchow, Prudential California, Nevada and Texas: Krafchow, president of Prudential California, Nevada and Texas Realty, forecasts that the transaction itself will undergo change as transaction management platforms come together and gain more acceptance in the industry. But he also sees

change on the service side as mortgage, title and realty brokerage companies pull closer together and work toward "streamlining" the consumer experience.

Krafchow believes the real estate business will become more global in coming years. "One of the things that clearly will be demonstrated is that any place you want democracy, you'll have to have home ownership," he said.

Steve Kropper, SVP of Equinox Corp.: Kropper sees mortgage paperwork leaving the United States altogether. He foresees this news headline: "U.S. won't manufacture mortgages in five years; They will be 'manufactured' offshore."

Despite the National Association of Realtors' efforts to block banks from entering the brokerage business, realty agent Jennifer L. Jonak sees financial companies becoming more involved in real estate transactions.

Financial companies "are starting to incorporate in-house agents, so we may see banks and other financial institutions start to incorporate both real estate and financing 'all-in-one' services," said Jonak, an agent with Millstein & Associates Real Estate in the Berkeley-Kensington area.

Jonak also predicts there will be less paper in realty transactions over the next five years as more parts of the process become digital.

"By 2010, most reports and disclosures will be downloadable online and some sort of electronic signature will negate the need to exchange paper or fax disclosures," Jonak said.

Austin Jaffe, Penn State: Jaffe, director of the Institute for Real Estate Studies at Penn State, believes MLSs will have a difficult time protecting the home, and listing data they've kept private for so long.

"There will always be someone who wants to open it up," Jaffe says. "It will be difficult to keep this private."

While Jaffe sees big changes ahead for the mortgage and brokerage industries brought on by technology advancements, he doesn't think people will be buying property on the Internet the way they'd buy shoes or CDs.

Jack Harris, research economist with the Real Estate Institute at Texas A&M University: Harris predicts that realty agents become more focused on callies, such as selling properties, and that most agents will act more as advisors transaction facilitators.

Harris also expects more integration between realty and finance. "There have been tentative starts in this direction, so is an inherent logic and demand for a smoother coordination between the buying and mortgage processes," he said.

Abdullah Yavas, Penn State: Yavas, research director for the Institute of Real Estate Studies at Penn State, forecasts further leveling of real estate brokerage services. More brokerages will be pressured to offer a menu of services that enable consumers

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February median home price \$535,470

Price climbs 13.7 percent; sales down 15.5 percent from year ago

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS
The median price of an existing home in California in February increased 13.7 percent and sales decreased 15.5 percent compared to the same period a year ago, according to the California Association of Realtors (C.A.R.).
Sales posted a slight increase in January compared with January 2005, as the downward drift in interest rates late last year caused an uptick in market activity," said C.A.R. President Vince Malta. "As expected, year-over-year sales continued to decline from the robust pace of a year ago."
Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 513,745 in February at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity decreased 15.5 percent from the 608,160 sales pace recorded in February 2005.

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2006 would be if sales maintained the February pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.
The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during February 2006 was \$535,470, a 13.7 percent increase over the \$470,920 median for February 2005, C.A.R. reported. The February 2006 median price decreased 2.9 percent compared with January's \$551,300 median price.
"Unsold inventory rose again in February to a 6.7 month supply, one of the highest inventory levels in several years," said C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist

Leslie Appleton-Young. "We expect the pace of price appreciation to slow from the 13 to 17 percent range of 2005 to 10 percent this year as rising inventory levels mitigate some of the upward pressure on home prices. The higher-priced coastal areas will see price gains in the mid-single digits while the inland areas will see increases in excess of 10 percent."

Highlights

- C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in February 2006 was 6.7 months, compared with 3.2 months (revised) for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.
- Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.25 percent during February 2006, compared with 5.63 percent in February 2005, according to Freddie Mac. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.34 percent in February 2006 compared with 4.16 percent in February 2005.

The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 52 days in February 2006, compared with 40 days (revised) for the same period a year ago.
Regional sales data are not adjusted to account for seasonal factors that can influence home sales. The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes are generated from a survey of more than 90 associations of Realtors throughout the state. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums are based on a survey of more than 60 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.
In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. and DataQuick Information Systems, 92.1 percent or 337 of 366 cities and communities

HIGHEST MEDIAN HOME PRICES

Newport Beach, \$1,287,500
Los Gatos, \$1,116,500
Santa Barbara, \$1,050,000
Cupertino, \$923,500
San Clemente, \$920,000
Dana Point, \$880,000
Santa Monica, \$879,000
San Juan Capistrano, \$870,000
Danville, \$862,500
Yorba Linda, \$795,000

GREATEST PRICE INCREASES

Ridgecrest, 70.2 percent
Banning, 63 percent
San Juan Capistrano, 58.2 percent
Inglewood, 52.3 percent
Barstow, 51.8 percent
Twenty-nine Palms, 50.6 percent
Atwater, 48.4 percent
Santa Monica, 46.5 percent
Beaumont, 45.3 percent
Porterville, 44.8 percent
— compared with the same period a year ago

due to compositional changes in housing demand.

Leading the way in California real estate for more than 100 years, the California Association of Realtors (www.car.org) is one of the largest state trade organizations in the United States, with more than 185,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

Home Buyer Seminar Tomorrow

Anyone ready to buy a home, whether in need of repair or of a home with low or no downpayment is invited to attend tomorrow's seminar at the Acts Full Gospel Church, 1034 66th Ave. in Oakland.
The seminar — sponsored by the Oakland African-American Chamber of Commerce and Wells Fargo Home Mortgage — will be held from 10 a.m. to noon.
To learn more, log onto www.ebfba.org or call 510-47-2448.

DON'T MISS THE WEEKLY SALES IN THE AUTO SECTION ON PAGE D2.

Sell the big house — then what?

In their dynamic world of real estate, Judith Glass and Sheila Sabine often meet people who are in transition of one kind or another. One such couple is Diane and Terry Robinson who outgrew their small home in the Fruitvale district of Oakland fifteen years and purchased a large prairie-style home in Piedmont.

The house had five-plus bedrooms, a family room, and a large yard — the perfect space and location for their growing family plus their children could take advantage of the highly-rated Piedmont schools. When the children grew up and left home, the Robinsons realized that they were shutting off rooms rather than using them; it was clear that the house had outgrown them!

Like many potential buyers, Diane and Terry began casually glancing at real estate ads and zoomed in on a Glass Sabine listing which advertised a house as a "Finisher, not a Fixer."

The two-story house was located on Upper Fruitvale back in their former neighborhood so the Robinsons decided to come to the Sunday Open House and take a look. The reality of the Fruitvale house was unique: in 1999, the

owners bought it directly from the builder who had basically stopped in the middle of building the house. The ambitious buyers moved in and had big plans to finish the house one step at a time. To say that there was still a lot of work to be done would be an understatement.

The exterior was unpainted T-11 siding, the interior walls had exposed sheet rock, the floors had only the sub-flooring, the master bedroom and bath were torn apart and the front and back yard needed some serious landscaping.

The one project the owners were able to complete was the kitchen, and it was new and updated. Then, a job change and other factors had forced them to abandon their remodeling project and to sell the house in its "as-is" condition.

Enter the Robinsons. They realized that it would be great to move back to their former neighborhood. So, being creative and adventurous, they bought the house, then rolled up their sleeves and began to develop the actual potential of the house.

The first order of business was to re-paint the entire exterior and interior of the house. Next, they

installed the bamboo flooring which had been purchased for the house by the former owners and stored in the garage. They added a cozy zero-clearance fireplace in the living room, walls of mirrored closets in the master suite, and a Jacuzzi tub, granite countertops and two sinks in the master bath. A drainage system was installed then the front yard and back yard were completely landscaped with attractive shrubs and plants.

The rear yard in particular required more attention. The uphill back portion, a 750 sq. ft. plot, belonged to the neighbor. In order to create more privacy and overall unity, the Robinsons purchased the section from their neighbor.

They proceeded to terrace the earth, plant a rose garden and add a romantic kol pond. Terry Robinson, a true natural gardener, added his magic touch at every turn — especially on the four decks which are beautifully adorned with



JUDITH GLASS & SHEILA SABINE
House Talk

cymbidium orchids, jade plants, Japanese maples and staghorn ferns.

The Robinsons have done a fabulous job creating warmth and beauty throughout their new residence. Their friends and family, who initially did not want them to move from Piedmont, are excited with the new environment and enjoy visiting them. Reflecting upon their move, the Robinsons are definitely comfortable in their old neighborhood. The home's uphill location offers views of the surrounding area, the neighborhood is quiet, and they especially enjoy the micro-Mediterranean climate of the Upper Fruitvale district.

They do notice that many of the older people are beginning to move away and younger people are moving in so there's a lot of

When the children grew up and left home, the Robinsons realized that they were shutting off rooms rather than using them; it was clear that the house had outgrown them!

fixing up and remodeling going on. This trend is occurring throughout the entire East Bay, making "the bright side of the Bay" more and more a great place to live!

Judith Glass and Sheila Sabine comprise an East Bay residential real estate team at the Piedmont office of Prudential California Realty. Glass-Sabine can be reached at 510-326-5055 or through their Web site www.GlassSabine.com, where you can read more of their illustrated "House Talk" articles.

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Taking a look around the East Bay real estate community

News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries

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Home Sales

The newest report on existing home sales offers good news. According to the National Association of Realtors sales increased in February after a five-month slowing trend. This is an indication that the market is stabilizing. NAR's chief economist believes that unseasonably mild weather across the country contributed to the upswing. Learn more at www.Realtor.com.

Books By

Realtors and Affiliates of the real estate industry are often multi-talented. Some even write books. Minding Her Own Business: The Self-Employed Woman's Essential Guide to Taxes and Financial Records was written by Montclair tax professional Jan Zobel EA. To purchase the book call 415-821-1015.

Alameda

The Inforum Meeting sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors is postponed until Tuesday May 2. Watch for further details in this column. For AAR questions contact Dee Ostrofsky at 510-523-7229.

Architects

Attend "Our Houses" in Alameda. The Alameda Museum provides lectures for everyone who loves homes. Prominent Bay area authors and historians narrate the slide lectures. Join presenters Melisa Gadreau and Chris Verplanck, architectural historians from Page & Turnbull, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 27. For lecture information call 510-748-0796.

Free Classes

Women. There's a workshop to help women buy homes. The "Woman to Woman Workshop" will help you unlock homebuying secrets. The keys are revealed in this class including home selec-

tion and straight talk about interest and closing costs. Join senior loan consultant Karen Ward of RE Loan Mortgage, 7 to 9 p.m., Tuesday, April 25. To reserve a seat call 510-559-4000.

How To. CitiBank in Alameda is the place to be for "How To Buy Your First Home". Come find out about the First Time Home Buyer Assistance Program. Learn how to improve your credit score at the next session, 6 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, April 12. Make a reservation by calling 866-407-0684.

Baby Bs. If you are a Baby Boomer or better bring your questions to the "Retirement Home Selling & Buying Options" seminar. Understanding home sales today, effects of capital gains tax and estate planning are discussed. The free class is 11:30 a.m., Saturday, April 22. To reserve a spot call 888-681-7771 ext. 706.

First Loan. Consultant George Johnson of GB Johnson Financial Services, offers a free first time buyer informational workshop. Featured topics are zero percent down payment, FHA and conventional loans. Johnson will offer facts about affordable properties. For information on future workshops contact Johnson at www.gbjohnson.com.

Alliance. The National Association of Realtors is a member of the Homeownership Alliance. The organization is dedicated to preserving, promoting and expanding housing opportunities for all Americans. NAR is one of five organizations on the Alliance's board of directors. This will ensure Realtors have a seat at the table when decisions are made concerning national housing policy. To find out more about NAR visit www.realtor.org.

THANKS

The Berkeley Association of Realtors wants to recognize Realtor and Affiliate members who

volunteer and give back to the community. Association members who are making a difference can be nominated by contacting the BAR office. The Special Events Committee will judge the BAR Cares Awards. Presentations will be made at monthly membership luncheons Mail your nomination to BAR at 1553 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley 94709.

RACES

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter's recent "Day at the Races" event was a huge success. According to WCR president Felecial Favroth, the event sponsors deserve many kudos. Donations and support came from Chicago Title Company's Fran Baskin, David Anderson, Robin Sewell, Kelly McMurray and Tonya Hamlet. Michael Gheimmetti of Signature Properties showed his generosity as well.

REALTIST WEEK

The Women's Council of Associated Real Property Brokers is hosting two events during Realtist Week. The Annual Prayer Breakfast is tomorrow, at Scott's Restaurant in Jack London Square. All Realtists should get out their dancing shoes and buy a ticket to the Black Tie Affair, next Friday, April 14, at the Linen Life Park Avenue in Emeryville. Call Alberta Houston for tickets at 510-220-9470.

BIZ PLAN

Want more listings and buyers? Attend "The Business Portfolio", presented by veteran business coach and trainer Kitty Cole. Cole teaches how to create this professional marketing tool. Learn how to use it with buyers, sellers, at Open Houses and as part of your Website. For a date and location near you call 925-254-1900 or send e-mail to Kittybiz@aol.com.



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BOBBIE HEARS

Ira Serkes of RE/Max Executive was a key speaker at the National Association of Realtors (NAR) annual leadership retreat Serkes described how he and his wife, Carol use their "High Touch Through High Tech" systems. He also offered suggestions for NAR members on to better serve the public.

Alameda Realtor Kiko McDonah recently opened her own real estate company. "Kiko Sells Homes" is the name of the new entity. To say congrats call 510-522-4449.

LET'S TALK?

Tell me about it! Real estate related fundraisers, meetings, workshops, promotions, designations and change of scenery (company). Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to bobbierid@mind-spring.com.

Paul Winans elected new NARI board chair

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE REMODELING INDUSTRY

At its spring board of directors meeting in San Francisco National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) named its immediate past president Paul Winans, CR, of Winans Construction, Inc. of Oakland, as chairman of the board for the coming year.

Winans has been a member of NARI's San Francisco Bay Chapter since 1991 and served as a three term President. Winans' previous experience on the NARI board includes a five-year as a national officer.

Winans Construction is a 27-year old firm specializing in residential remodeling projects in the East Bay and surrounding areas. The company has received numerous local and national awards including the highest recognition for quality achievement in the remodeling industry — the coveted National Remodeling Quality Gold Award.

Co-owners Paul and Nina Winans are both NARI-certified remodelers. Paul has given many seminars to homeowners the past several years and writes From the Ground Up remodeling for Hills Publications.

The National Association of the Remodeling Industry is the only trade association dedicated solely to the remodeling industry. With more than 7,000 member companies nationwide the Association — based in Des Plaines, IL The Voice of the modeling industry.

Changes

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choose and pay for only what they want, such as a listing with the MLS.

Norm Bour, owner of Priority Plus Lending: Bour focused his predictions on the Los Angeles market. He predicts that home prices will continue to climb, with more homes selling for more than \$1 million, than those selling for less than that amount. Due to increased litigation, he sees the average sales contract ballooning to 20 pages, although Realtors will play a smaller role in the sales process.

Climbing real estate prices will drive a wedge between the "haves" and "have nots," Bour said. "Home ownership, once claimed as 'The American Dream,' (will) become more and more distant as wages

have not kept up with real values; yet the 'haves' continue to survive and thrive," he said.

Mike Sklarz, Fidelity National Financial: Sklarz, chief vice officer for Fidelity National Financial, expects an increase in use of automated valuation services—or AVMs.

He believes collateral will become even more scrutinized, playing a larger part in the market, and that consumers demand this type of information service.

In general, there will be an emphasis on information in estate transaction, Sklarz said. "People are going to expect just as they do with their investments."

Glenn Roberts, Jr., Sam Alterson and Jessica Swenson contributed to this story.

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Unraveling the great mysteries of real estate: One client's tale

Number 509 in a series of true experiences in real estate

As I was writing newspaper ads, the fax line was ringing. What arrived was a note from the owner of our newest listing. It's been a hard few weeks for the sellers Dunbar Ogden and his wife Annegret. To answer his question, few of our customers have become ill during buying or selling. But we do find it mysterious that our listings invariably bring a plumbing leak of some sort just before, or sometimes during, marketing.

Dear Pat and Anet,
In your professional experience, how often do the seller and the buyer each come down with some awful disease during the move? Or incur an injury?

I'd bet always.
Why? This is one of the greatest mysteries in the whole real estate business, isn't it? When you think about it. And does that disease (or injury) reveal something important about the person? In your mind's eye picture for yourself each of your past customers. Shocking, isn't it. How every single one of them came down with something, didn't they?

This means that when you are talking with a person who wishes to buy a home, or to sell his, and you are settling on a price or negotiating a price, and then walking through the paperwork with him, and calling in an army of termite people, inspectors, painters, roofers, packers, craters, trucks, cleaners and window washers, somewhere in the middle of all that your customer is a person who is coming down with an awful cold or who has just pulled out - a little too far - a drawer full of household tools and dropped it on his foot.

Thus you find yourself day after day with a customer required to make myriad intimate decisions and a handful of earthshaking decisions who is not quite in his right mind: moody, physically shaky, mentally blocked, erratic, unable to think clearly, just not himself.

Let me tell you my story. My wife and I downsized. We bought a small apartment. We moved four bedrooms and three and one-half bathrooms (plus a study, plus a family room) - 3,500 square feet crammed with 45 years of the paper work and memorabilia of writers-teachers - into two bedrooms and one bathroom, 1,200 square feet. And what was the first thing we did after buying the apartment. Watch out. Here comes the first clue to subsequent events.

Does the Realtors' bible contain chapter and verse on this mystery? Are customers aware that in addition to shedding some money, they'll be shedding some sanity? Do realtors know that about their customers?

What was the first thing we did after acquiring the little empty apartment? We went out and bought a king-size Japanese bed made in China. And what was the second thing we did? We bought a sofa bed.

And I came down with the worst flu I have ever had in my life. For six days I lay dormant on my king-size bed, breathing shallowly, a mindless, desiccated hulk of my old self, while you two and my wife directed the army of termite people, inspectors, painters, roofers, packers, craters, trucks, cleaners, and window washers. It gave my wife the chance to go through and throw out most of my clothes - things she hated, or said "You never wear them."

On the phone my registered nurse sister-in-law said there's a pulmonary infection going around. Then she phoned back to say she'd thought it over and decided it was probably a heart attack. This increased my wife's sympathy level but did zilch for my participation in the move. I decided I preferred to meet my maker from under the soft wraps of my bedding rather than under the hard chest raps of a couple of 911 ambulance medics.

Meanwhile on my Japanese-Chinese bed I twisted with feelings of

extreme guilt at not holding up my part of the bargain. Still this was not some self-inflicted injury like shooting yourself in the toe to get out of the draft. This flu had struck from outside.

I writhed between guilt and anxieties about someone's losing the checkbook or damaging my wood-carving I had brought back years ago from a visit to East Germany. "You always want to control everything," my wife tosses over her shoulder as she passes by the bedroom door.

And, truth to tell, I did sigh easier with feelings of relief at not having to participate in all those agonizing decisions where each memento has its own little story. I realized sensations of release, too, from my grandmother's syndrome of "One day this might do someone some good."

Now with this case study let us return to the great mystery.

When we went out and bought two beds (one even king-size) before we did anything else, did I have some deep premonition that throughout the moving process I would spend the entire time on one of them? Please note that control-freak me had even gone and gotten a flu shot a month earlier. Per-

haps we are like the animals that prowl around in uncharacteristic behavior before an earthquake. Something in the earth tells them. The animals all left before the last tsunami.

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Appreciating home appreciation

NIMAN NEWS

When property values go up, homeowners cheer and home buyers are forced to dig deeper into savings to buy. But appreciation is an unpredictable thing. Learn how to handle it!

Think of appreciation, an increase in home values, as the paper profits in real estate. Paper profits exist only on paper—in this case your deed—until you actually sell the house. If you buy a house in a rapidly appreciating area, there is no guarantee that property values will be the same or greater when it comes time to sell whether you live there five years or 30. The economy could sour or your neighborhood may lose its luster.

Furthermore, if you buy at the height of an upswing, when demand ratchets up prices, you may overpay. Just like in the stock market, the flip side of a boom is a bust, or at least a correction. If you overpay, and prices settle out 10 percent lower down the road, you may not recoup all of your investment. The lesson in all this: Appreciation is a nice thing to have, but not something to bank on when you buy a house.

Tip: If you're buying in the middle of a big price run-up, try to avoid overpaying by making your offer more favorable in ways other than price, such as closing early or reducing the number of contingencies. Also be prepared to give houses a more rigorous look the first time around so that if you must submit an offer quickly, you're comfortable with what you've seen.

What affects appreciation?

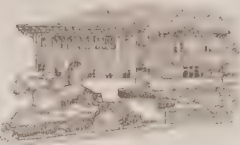
Almost every aspect of the national economy affects real estate appreciation: employment levels, healthy businesses, housing supply and demand, affordability and, of course, interest rates.

A healthy economy and low

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Interest rates drive demand, which pushes up prices and appreciation. Regional economic changes come into play as well, at times whipsawing housing prices up and down.

But demographics play a significant role, too. In the 1980s, housing demand soared as the huge number of people born in the 1940s and '50s hit the market. Prices went up and many areas experienced appreciation that was greater than the rate of inflation, making real estate not only an investment in shelter but a profitable investment as well. As this group has settled into homeownership, lower demand has slowed appreciation to below inflation, making real estate less profitable than, say, mutual funds.

This doesn't mean you shouldn't buy a house, but you should understand how appreciation is playing in your market and in the neighborhood where you want to buy.

Look at recent sales: Do a comparative market analysis or go through public records at the tax assessor's office. You should be able to get a feel for sales volume, price direction and whether final sales prices are exceeding asking prices (a sure sign of a hot and appreciating market).

Pay attention to local business news: Monitor reported real estate trends, but also find out about new industries coming to your area or other economic changes that could dramatically affect the supply and demand of housing.

Know the neighborhood: Find out the recent appreciation history of the area where you want to move. Have prices steadily risen, bounced up and down, or been stable over the years? Is the neighborhood historically been a desirable one, either because of its amenities or its affordability?

Is there a lot of new development nearby? A sudden glut in the supply of new housing can lower property values in existing areas.

Buy on the upswing: If you are going to buy in a rapidly appreciating area, weigh your decision carefully. Compare the after-tax costs of renting with the after-tax cost of owning over five years: Renting may pencil out as the better bargain for now. Rent costs should include rent, insurance and utilities. On the ownership side, tally up your loan payment, property taxes, insurance, utilities and estimated maintenance costs against deductions for mortgage interest and property taxes. If you decide to buy:

Buy as much as you need, not what you can afford: The bigger the house, the greater the proportion you'll possibly overpay. If you have down payment left over, invest it elsewhere.

Avoid a low-down-payment mortgage: Should property values drop, and you have to sell for some reason, you may not have enough equity in the house to pay off the mortgage and the costs of selling the house, much less walk away with any cash yourself.

Risky business: Many homeowners use appreciation as a way to draw on the equity in their house. If you bought a \$125,000 house that's now worth \$150,000, you could borrow much more

than what you have invested so far when you take out a home equity loan. But beware. If property values plunge, you could end up owning more on the house than it's worth, which could be a real problem if you had to suddenly sell.

The bottom line: Consider appreciation a surprise, not a sure thing, many experts advise. Buy a reasonably priced house in a stable and likeable neighborhood, invest in home improvements that add value (not eccentricity), and

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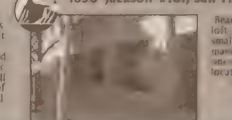
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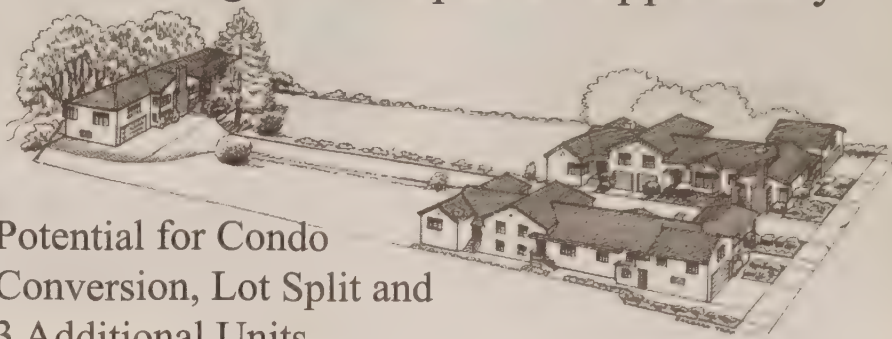
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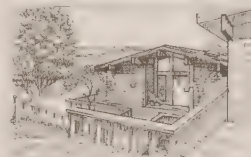
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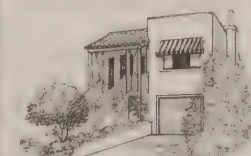
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Dealing with lead-based paints

Q: My friend and I want to spruce up her sunroom. She suspected the paint on the wood trim was lead-based, which made us nervous about all the sanding we'd have to do. We got a lead-paint test kit, and the results were positive. She thinks we need professional lead-paint removal. I think we can do it ourselves, that we'll be safe with dust masks and good ventilation. There are no small children in the house. What do you think?

A: First of all, home lead tests aren't always accurate; a professional test should be done in the house. Second, don't forget that adults are not immune from lead poisoning, especially those with a tendency toward liver problems. Dust masks don't do the job; you need masks with HEPA filters designed specifically for lead-paint

removal. And there are disposal issues to consider if you do the work yourselves. All these things argue for leaving lead-paint removal to the pros. But removal isn't the only way to control the hazard.

Doors and windows containing lead paint can be replaced; surfaces can be covered with sheet rock or paneling. There also are encapsulants, either liquid paints or adhesives, that can be applied over lead-based paint to seal it to a surface and prevent the release of dangerous paint chips or dust. But encapsulants can't be used on surfaces that are walked on, that rub together (such as windows and doors), or are badly deteriorated.

Conventional paint is "not an encapsulant. It's not yet known how well encapsulants work over the long term; it's known they can sus-



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tain water damage and peel off a poorly prepared surface.

So you would need to test a surface first to see whether the encapsulation paint was covering properly, then follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully.

Many paint and hardware stores carry encapsulation materials; they can be found on the Internet, too.

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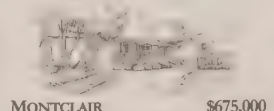
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Alain Pinel sponsors Skyline High School event

Alain Pinel Realtors is sponsoring Skyline High School Beautification Day on Saturday, April 29. As part of its sponsorship, the majority of the 19 real estate professionals from Alain Pinel in Montclair plan to volunteer in the one-day cleanup and landscape planting at the high school. It is the second annual Skyline Beautification Day to benefit the high school, which is one of six comprehensive public high schools in Oakland and serves 2,220 students from throughout the city.

Skyline High School is in the Oakland Hills, near the company's Montclair office. Alain Pinel's Kate Castle is spearheading the office's participation in this year's cleanup and planting. Castle has been a Realtor for 14 years and works with her husband, Hal Castle, who has been a Realtor in the Montclair District the past 33 years.

For 2006, the PTSA have already purchased plants and watering cans for the planter boxes, planted more than 200 daffodils donated through the Keep Oakland Beautiful program, arranged for additional trash receptacles to be placed both around the athletic field and successfully lobbied Waste Management to install larger receptacles on Skyline Boulevard. The organization also renovated a garden that was decimated by deer.

Area residents who wish to contribute to the Skyline High School Beautification program can do so. Checks should be made payable to: Skyline HS PTSA—Beautification Committee and mailed to Skyline High School 12250 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland, CA 94619, to the attention of the PTSA Treasurer.

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Heavens

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Q: We have a black marble hearth in our rec room fireplace. With a small rock, our grandson put several scratches in the marble. What do you recommend to polish them out?

A: You can remove the scratches with tin dioxide or polishing powder, available from a stone dealer. Sprinkle some powder on the marble, wrap a dampened felt pad around a wood block, and polish the stone. Then wax the area with a marble wax.

Q: I'm trying to tighten up an old house. I learned that fiberglass batting should be installed with the paper toward the heated side. In basements, that usually means the paper should be on the upper side, against the floor. Our basement is pretty damp in summer; the heater is there, so the basement is warmer and dry in winter. Installing insulation paper-side-up means the fiberglass will "rain" into the basement air (a health hazard). Our joist bays are of irregular width.

A: I'd look into other kinds of insulation, such as foam board that can be cut, instead of batting. But I'd also consider the basement as conditioned space and install the paper on the down side. First, though, I'd ask myself whether insulating the joists is really necessary, since the basement is warm in the winter. The air pockets in the spaces where the joists meet the foundation are the real culprits. Plug them, and spring for a dehumidifier.

Q: I have a problem with green moss growing on the north side of my roof. I put zinc strips down the ridge, but it has not killed the moss. What else can I do to get rid of it?

A: There's probably no permanent solution because it's the north-side roof and probably is under trees. But to ensure that your roof lasts, you'll need to go after that

moss before it does any serious damage. A bristled scrub brush attached to a pole should do it. Push the brush down the slope of the roof to tear the moss roots free from the shingles. (Brushing up damages shingles.)

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Open Sunday

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6117 FAIRLANE DRIVE

Sophisticated contemporary in Montclair. Spacious kitchen with stainless steel appliances & access to a sunny backyard. Great floor plan for entertaining. Living room and family room have fireplace, luxurious master suite with a sitting area & a fireplace, and a 2 car attached garage.

OFFERED AT
\$1,295,000



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REDWOOD HEIGHTS - OAKLAND

OPEN SAT APRIL 8 2:00-4:30 PM & SUN APRIL 9 2:00-5:00 PM

3255 GUIDO

Charming Traditional in Redwood Heights

Located in desirable Redwood Heights, this 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is what you've been waiting for! Tranquil setting invites one to enjoy the great floor plan designed for easy living. Refinished wood floors accent the upstairs living, dining and bedrooms. A fun kitchen with eating area and an enclosed sunporch offer great additional space. One bedroom has a wood stove and opens to deck overlooking pretty backyard where you will see the separate studio used as home office. Downstairs is an extra bedroom or family room and bath, plus a converted garage used as sitting area. Located on a corner lot surrounded by mature landscaping, this home is a treat to see!



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3549 REDWOOD RD.

Stately French Normandy

You will be impressed when you walk in the door of this lovely circa 1926 home with art deco touches. This impressive home features 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths. The living room has high ceilings and a pretty fireplace, the dining room opens to a patio leading to the well designed, landscaped back yard. 2 bedrooms and 1 bath on the mezzanine level lead to the fabulous master suite with separate office/den/etc. space and a grand bath. There's French doors leading to the balcony overlooking the lush yard. Pride of ownership is evident in every nook and cranny. A home not to be missed!

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699 HAVERHILL DRIVE

4 bedroom, 2+ bath contemporary in desirable Piedmont Pines. Remodeled kitchen, open floor plan, family room, in-law potential, private front garden, great outdoor living, many upgrades.

OFFERED AT
\$925,000



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OPEN SAT/SUN 2:00 - 4:30 PM



6657 GUNN DRIVE

Charming 3BD 4BA tranquil home tucked in the hills. Spacious rooms, hardwood floors, formal dining room, 2 fireplaces, updated kitchen, granite slab & stainless steel appliances. Lovely 1BD 1BA with kitchen downstairs!

OFFERED AT
\$829,000



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386 SHORT HILL ROAD

Nestled in the Oakland Hills close to Sequoyah Country Club, this 3+BR, 3 BA home is situated on a large lot with lovely tree studded views. Custom built in 1951, with quality materials. First time on the market!

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\$985,000



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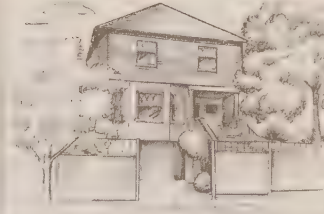
OPEN SUNDAY 2 - 5 PM



1418 MILVIA, BERKELEY

Classic Brown Shingle near Berkeley's Gourmet Ghetto! Four bedrooms/2.5 bathrooms plus 1 bedroom/1 bathroom unit. Hardwood floors, built-ins, wood-paneled dining room, master bedroom with Bay view & new master bathroom, kitchen with granite counters, decks, one-car garage and spacious semfinished attic with skylights.

OFFERED AT
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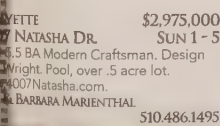


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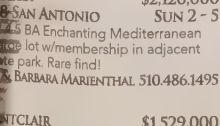
OPEN HOMES



PIEDMONT HILLS \$4,250,000
OWN ST. SUN 2 - 5
3.5 BA P. Perkins latest design. Bay/wood, top quality. Please visit Dawn.com.
BY ROSE/DIANE SOUTHWORTH
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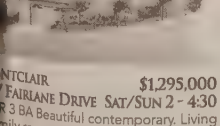
LAURETTE \$2,975,000
1418 MILVIA DR. SUN 1 - 5
3.5 BA Enchanting Mediterranean home w/membership in adjacent state park. Rare find!
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BERKELEY \$2,120,000
1418 MILVIA ST. SUN 2 - 5
3 BA Enchanting Mediterranean home w/membership in adjacent state park. Rare find!
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BERKELEY \$1,529,000
1418 MILVIA ST. SUN 1:30 - 4:30
3 BA Contemporary. Dramatic and high end amenities. 2 car garage. Interior access.
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BERKELEY \$1,350,000
1418 MILVIA ST. SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BA Contemporary. Dramatic and high end amenities. 2 car garage. Interior access.
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OPEN HOMES



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$1,280,000
1375 SUNNYHILLS ROAD SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
5+BR 2 BA English Tudor. The finest Amenities! Level backyard, great floor plan. A 101!
JUDY ACKERMAN
510.339.4700



SEQUOYAH \$985,000
4386 SHORT HILL ROAD SUN 2 - 4:30
3+BR 3 BA Custom built in 1951, over 3,000 sq ft on lg lot w/ nice sense of privacy & lovely views.
DARCY DIAMANTINE
510.339.4700



BERKELEY \$985,000
1418 MILVIA ST. SUN 2 - 5
4 BR 2.5 BA Classic Brown shingle + 1BR unit nr North Berkeley Gourmet Ghetto. Some Bay view. Nice yd.
KIM & BARBARA MARIENTHAL
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MONTCLAIR \$959,000
6170 BULLARD SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Carmel-like charm.
NANCY DICKEY & BECKY ANDERSEN
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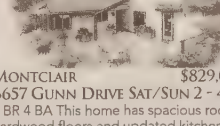


MONTCLAIR \$925,000
2699 HAVERHILL SUN 2 - 4:30
4 BR 2 BA+ Chic contemporary, remodeled kitchen, updated baths, many upgrades, great outdoor living.
JOAN DUFFIELD
510.339.4700

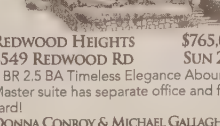
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CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$875,000
1624 TRESTLE GLEN SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 2 BA Mediterranean. Sunken living room w/cathedral ceiling. Park-like setting.
DIAN HYMER
510.339.4700



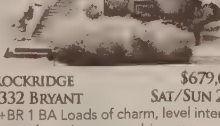
MONTCLAIR \$829,000
6657 GUNN DRIVE SAT/SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 4 BA This home has spacious rooms, hardwood floors and updated kitchen w/ granite slab.
KARA THACKER
510.339.4700



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$765,000
3549 REDWOOD RD SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 2.5 BA Timeless Elegance Abounds! Master suite has separate office and fab yard!
DONNA CONROY & MICHAEL GALLAGHER
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REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$729,000
3255 GUIDO SAT 2 - 4:30/SUN 1-5
2+BR 1.5 BA Style, City/Bay views, spacious rooms, beautiful yard/gardens.
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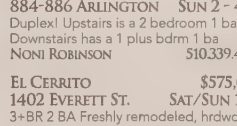


ROCKRIDGE \$679,000
5332 BRYANT SAT/SUN 2 - 5
2+BR 1 BA Loads of charm, level interior access from the garage, big sunroom & updated kitchen & bath.
TERRY KULKA & JULIE JOYCE
510.339.4700

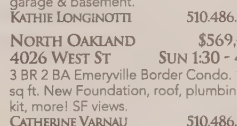
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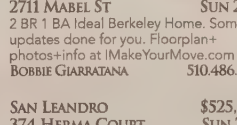
EL CERRITO \$639,000
1314 RICHMOND ST. SAT/SUN 1 - 4
3 BR 2 BA Large Remodeled Classic Bright, new KIT w/granite, DR, extra storage, closets
GENE DELLA MAGGIORA/ZANNA KNIGHT
510.486.1495



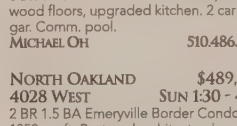
MARINA BAY \$625,000
22 DEEP WATER CT SUN 1:30 - 4
3 BR 3 BA Beautiful, cathedral ceilings, frplc. Wood, tile, w/w carpet, 1BR downstairs. 2 car gar.
GREGG LUSTIG
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NORTH OAKLAND \$599,000
884-886 ARLINGTON SUN 2 - 4:30
Duplex! Upstairs is a 2 bedroom 1 bath. Downstairs has a 1 plus bdrm 1 ba
NONI ROBINSON
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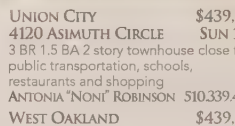


EL CERRITO \$575,000
1402 EVERETT ST. SAT/SUN 1 - 4
3+BR 2 BA Freshly remodeled, hrdwd frs detached 2 car garage, workshop, laundry, & sun rm.
KIMIKO TERRY & SEBASTIAN AGES
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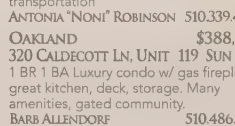


EL CERRITO \$575,000
8106 TERRACE SUN 2 - 5
2 BR 1 BA Cozy light-filled home on huge landscaped lot, creek, & great Bay view, garage & basement.
KATHIE LONGINOTTI
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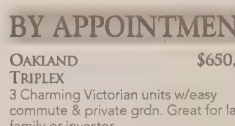
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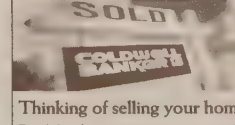
UNION CITY \$439,000
4120 ASIMUTH CIRCLE SUN 1 - 4
2 BR 1.5 BA 2 story townhouse close to public transportation, schools, restaurants and shopping
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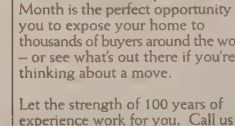
WEST OAKLAND \$439,000
1032 32ND STREET SUN 2 - 4:30
2 BR 2 BA Beautiful, cathedral ceilings, plenty of plus spaces, & new foundation.
VICTOR RATTO
510.339.4700



UNION CITY \$399,000
2623 COPA DEL ORO DR. SUN 1 - 4
2 BR 2 BA 2 Car Darling condo, pool, close to shopping and public transportation
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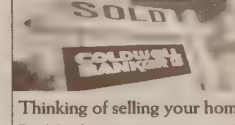
OAKLAND \$388,000
320 CALDECOTT LN, UNIT 119 SUN 2 - 4
1 BR 1 BA Urban Oasis w/ gas fireplace, great kitchen, deck, storage. Many amenities, gated community.
BARB ALLENDORF
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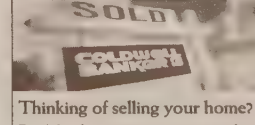
OAKLAND \$475,000
3279 MARKET STREET SUN 2 - 4:30
3 BR 1.5 BA A wonderful 2 story spacious home w/upgrades yet original charm remains.
REVA TOLBERT
KELLY NAVO-CLETT
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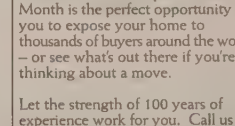
OAKLAND \$650,000
TRIPLEX
3 Charming Victorian units w/easy commute & private grdn. Great for large family or investor.
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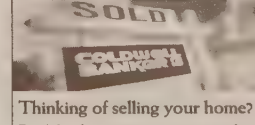
BERKELEY \$450,000
2 BR 1 BA Sunny Corner unit in Prime location near College Ave. Please visit www.2532Warring.com
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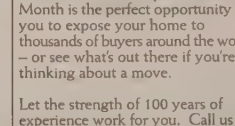
BERKELEY \$530,000
2711 MABEL ST. SUN 2 - 4
2 BR 1 BA Ideal Berkeley Home. Some updates done for you. Floorplan+ photos+info at IMakeYourMove.com
BOBBIE GIARRATANA
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SAN LEANDRO \$525,000
374 HERMA COURT SUN 2 - 5
3 BR 2 BA Updated Broadmoor home...eat-in kitchen, hwf, LR w/frplc, dining, backyard. Goodies!
ADELE M. WONG
510.339.4700



RICHMOND \$495,000
1006 VIEW DR. SUN 1:30 - 4
3 BR 1.5 BA Home in a cul-de-sac, nice wood floors, upgraded kitchen. 2 car att. gar. Comm. pool.
MICHAEL OH
510.486.1495



NORTH OAKLAND \$489,000
4028 WEST SUN 1:30 - 4:30
2 BR 1.5 BA Emeryville Border Condo. 1350 sq. ft. Restored architectural gem. New kitchen, baths. Garage.
CATHERINE VARNAU
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Internet house hunting comes of age

■ A look at the "vertical search"

BY JESSICA SWESEY
INMAN NEWS

"Vertical search" has quickly become the real estate buzz term for 2006 and a panel of industry participants peeled back the buzz to give concrete examples of what this means for the real estate industry and consumers.

"Vertical search is really just a more refined and specialized way to find content in a certain category," said Jamie Glenn, director of product management at Yahoo! Real Estate. Glenn pointed to Yahoo! Real Estate as an example of a vertical search application within the real estate industry where consumers can go to browse homes for sale.

Ninety percent of all Internet users today are using search engines, Glenn said, and they typically start with broad terms and then selectively narrow the search because they get too large a set of results. Glenn spoke Tuesday during an Inman News audio conference, "Vertical Search: You and Your Listings."

One example of a vertical search application for real estate is Trulia.com, which launched nine months ago to offer consumers a place to search for listings using unique search criteria and interactive mapping capabilities. Sami Inknen, Trulia's co-founder and chief operating officer, used the analogy of a Leatherman tool to explain the concept of vertical search.

"If you think of generic search as a Leatherman tool, you can do almost anything with it," he said. "But it's not the best knife, the best screwdriver or can opener," for instance. By "generic search," he was referring to a general search in a major search engine like Google or Yahoo.

Trulia's real estate search application is available in California and in New York City, and the company has plans to expand to other regions. Trulia partners with local real

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estate brokers who want to gain exposure for their properties, and links to the broker's Web site so that consumers who find a good match can connect with them directly.

"We don't scrape listings," Inknen said, addressing what has become an evil term for real estate practitioners in maintaining control over their data.

Trulia's aim, Inknen said, is not to become a portal or destination site where consumers come and stay. The company aims to package and organize property information that's easily searchable so consumers can find what they need and then connect with the broker or agent.

Home listings from Weichert Realtors will soon be available on Trulia, said Mike Montsko, president of the Weichert Lead Network.

Montsko said it is important for brokers and agents to consider partnering with some of the vertical

search sites and lead generators, but they need to do their homework first. He suggested closely examining the company's business model and reputation, as well as best practices for handling data. "Make sure you have a way out," he said, because "it's not uncommon for companies to flip their business models at some point."

Panelists discussed another hot topic in real estate this year: online mapping. Yahoo's Glenn pointed out that maps can do a lot more than just plot where available homes are located; they can show local school information, neighborhoods, where the local drycleaners are located, and more. "This helps users really get informed before they go on the tour with the agent," he said, and helps people relocating from other towns.

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Heavens

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Zinc strips don't work with moss, by the way. You may be thinking about algae — the best way to deter that is by using copper strips. Algae looks ugly, but most experts don't believe it will seriously damage your roof — certainly not as much as moss, or trying to use bleach to clean it.

Q: We have a front-loading washing machine on the second floor; the dryer is stacked on top

(a design flaw in a new house). The entire house shakes when the washer spins. I had a serviceman look at it, and he told me that front-loading washers do not belong on the second floor because of the powerful spinning — that they should be on the ground floor and on cement, which they don't tell you when you are buying the washer. I would like to keep the washer upstairs if I could. Is there any way to support it better, and do you think unstacking it would make a big difference?

A: The problem likely isn't with

your washer, but it might be your builder if he was the one who offered a second-floor dry room. A washer can vibrate at speeds of 700 to 1,600 rpm and your second-floor joists are unable to withstand that vibration. Consult a structural engineer to see whether the joists can be reinforced to withstand that vibration.

Have questions for Ask the Heavens? E-mail him at askthheavens@phillynews.com or at The Inquirer, Box 8282, Philadelphia 19101.

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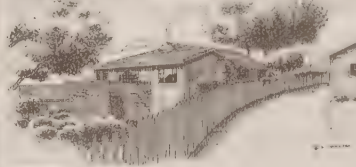


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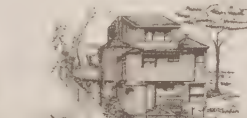
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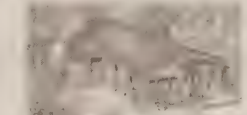
REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$699,000
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New Listing! Charming 3BR/2BA traditional w/bay views, newly refinished hardwood floors, newer roof & freshly painted. Wonderful architectural details. A gardener's delight. Diane E. McCan x1352

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3820 WISCONSIN ST.
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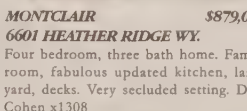


BERKELEY \$699,000
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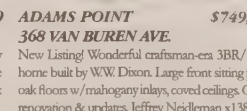
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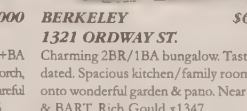
PIEDMONT \$1,495,000
505 SCENIC AVE.
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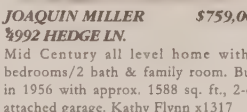


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4456 HYACINTH AVE.
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Tax-deferred exchanges can get complicated

Q. I read your "Ownership Period Doesn't Effect 1031." You said there is no minimum period of ownership required for 1031 properties. Could you possibly expand on the article because virtually everything I have read about 1031 exchanges states a property owner should hold the acquired property a minimum of one year and preferably two tax years to avoid problems with the IRS?

I am particularly interested in your experience as an expert witness in real estate litigation and arbitration as it relates to this "holding" period and how the IRS views these speedier transactions. I am not interested in "flipping" because I know the IRS' position on that point.

However, there have been times when I have held property for the two year period when I could have sold the properties prior to the expiration of that period, but didn't for fear of an IRS audit. In short, does it come down to the matter of the "intent" of the investor?

A. The intent of the investor in a 1031 tax deferred exchange is a complex matter. On one hand the 1031 Rules do not require a minimum holding or ownership period for 1031 investment or business property. On the other hand an IRS examiner reviewing your tax forms, would probably conclude that a real estate investment property should be held for one or two years to appreciate in value and therefore fit their concept of an investment property.

Consequently, the IRS examiner would probably call for an audit to determine your intention (business or investment purpose) in owning the property if the property were held for a short time. I have discussed this issue with tax specialists at the IRS who are exceptionally well versed on the legal and practical dimensions of your con-

cerns. The bottom line is that you should be prepared for an IRS examination which will be a result of the short ownership period.

To be prepared for this examination you will need documentation to support your reasons on why the investment property was held for a short time. The amount of time that you held the property is only one element of intent. If a good business opportunity arises and you need to sell the 1031 property, this decision reflects that your ownership intent has changed for a good reason.

Other factors that can demonstrate your intent to hold the property as an investment would be a mortgage, letters to equity partners outlining events, corporate minutes or a business plan that reflects the term that the investment will be held. The IRS will require documentation on your intent and you will need to be articulate and have documentation to present your case.

Q. I have a land option to buy at certain price upon tentative maps approval. Upon approval I will be selling the land through double escrow. Therefore, will I be able to do 1031? I will have land title for very short time, maybe less than a day. However, I would like to know if I could do 1031 for another land for subdivision, even for apartment, office building or through tenant-in-common format which is been offered by some companies.

A. No. This type of transaction does not qualify for a 1031 tax deferred exchange. A 1031 tax deferred exchange applies only to investment and business property where the owner sells for a profit and reinvests the proceeds in a higher value property without being taxed on the profit. The fact that you have arranged to sell the property even before the closing, negates any intention that



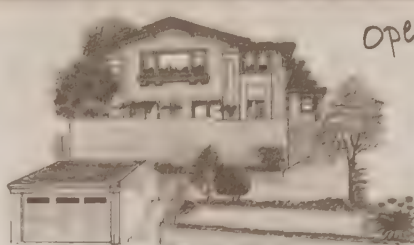
THOMAS MUSIL
Real Estate O&A

you are acquiring the property for investment purposes.

Q. My wife and I purchased a home three years ago. Last year we were told after a fireplace and chimney inspection that the chimney top was leaning out 4 inches compared to the bottom. We replaced the existing fireplace with a new propane fireplace and chimney. Is any of this expense a write-off on taxes or is it just a plus on the value of the home if we sell it?

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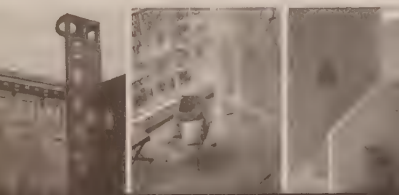


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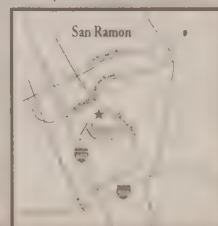
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Internet

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Most of the (Web) portals have APIs and most now have APIs as well," he said. APIs are a way for developers to easily integrate mapping applications into Web sites. Glenn explained, "User-friendly mapping and search functions are commonly found in new online real estate sites like HomePages.com, Zillow and Trulia, to name a few. We started off with a map right in Trulia's Inkinen said, noting that consumers really want to search by neighborhoods rather than by city or ZIP code.

Inkinen cautioned that while it's easy to add maps to a Web site, it's important for whatever is layered on top of the map to be fast. "When you look at how consumers search, they change their search criteria many times," he said, advising that "if you add a map to your Web site, make sure you optimize the experience for the consumer."

Vertical search applications have been around for some time and are popular in job search, travel and retail industries, to name a few. But paid search in general search engines remains a popular marketing mechanism among real estate practitioners.

Brokers and agents also can utilize Yahoo's paid search program for search-engine exposure by pur-

chasing keywords at a price per click. Google has a similar program that is popular among individual agents and brokerage companies.

Ira Serkes, a Realtor with RE/MAX Executives in Berkeley, provided an agent perspective on vertical search, online marketing and converting online leads to sales. Serkes uses search-engine optimization techniques on his Web site to achieve high placement in the organic search results of major search engines.

He said he has no shortage of leads using these techniques. "I find that I have way more leads than I can handle," he said, and he is now looking for ways to increase the conversion rates.

Serkes said he's tracked more than 1,800 people who've clicked on properties since the beginning of the month, but only five or 10 per week have inquired about a specific property. "I'm not so much interested in paying for leads," he said. "I'm interested in converting what's coming in."

Weichert Lead Network answers the problem with its call center that responds to Internet leads as they come in and then puts them on a path for follow-up depending on their needs. But individual agents like Serkes likely don't have the funding it takes to build and maintain such a service. Serkes' answer, he said, is to hire a licensed agent to do the lead follow-up for him and

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other agents. Asked how a slowing real estate market may impact online real estate search, panelists said that marketing and measuring will continue to be important.

"I hear two things from listing brokers," said Inkinen. "The first is

'measure, measure, measure,' and the second thing I hear is that buyers are becoming more attractive to agents and brokers."

The business then becomes more and more about attracting buyers to listings.

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1071 Cragmont Ave.
Todd Hodson
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Oakland \$1,050,000
Incredible Arts & Crafts style home in Rockridge. Original details including wood floors, crown moulding, leaded glass windows, large formal rooms, wood paneled walls, box beam ceilings + much more. Fabulous remodeled gourmet kitchen w/French doors opening to deck & lovely yard. 3++BR/2.5BA.
5265 Lawton Ave.
Open Sun 2-5
Richard Morrison 527-2700 x32



Berkeley \$885,000
Impeccably maintained Park Hills traditional with refreshing views of Tilden Park. 5 BR, 2.5 BA and a family room. Beautiful wood floors, remodeled kitchen, two fireplaces, a brick patio and level yard.
1009 Overlook Rd.
Open Sun 2-4:30
Celia Concus 524-0800



El Cerrito \$848,000
1976 Contemporary-style home with spectacular views of the Golden Gate and the Bay Bridges. Located in a quiet neighborhood near the Hillside Natural Area, yet close to BART and shopping. 3 BR, 3 BA.
2001 Tamalpais Ave.
Open Sun 2-4
Herman Sun 527-9111



Berkeley \$665,000
This special Berkeley hills home has a stunning bay view and a versatile floor plan. 2++ BR, 2 BA up, 1+ BR, 1BA down, and loads of storage. The possibilities are enormous! The property needs work, but is well worth the effort. Extras are newer retaining walls and a 2-car garage.
26 Rock Lane
Open Sun 2-4
Juliana Wynberg 527-2700 x 31



Oakland \$679,000
Lovingly remodeled 1907 home w/beautiful architectural details & 2,300+ sq. ft. of living space. Upper level: 2BR, 2BA, large formal dining room, kitchen, living room, family room, hardwood floors, high covered ceiling, private deck. Lower 2 BR, 2 BA, living area, kitchen, yard & detached garage/studio.
631 Poirier St.
Open Sun 2-4
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San Pablo \$649,000
2 houses on 1 lot! Both completely remodeled. Hardwood floors, new carpet and new roofs. Front house: 2++BR, 2BA. Back house: 1BR, 1BA, 2-car garage. Large lot.
5423 Shasta
Meridee Carter 527-2700 x39



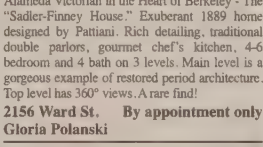
Oakland \$449,000
Secluded "treehouse" cottage on gardener's paradise lot of over 17,000 sq. ft. Wonderful views. Additional large bonus room with fireplace. Quiet and private, though easily accessible to 580.
7824 Hillmont Drive
Open Sun 2-5
Vanessa Timon Smith 527-9111



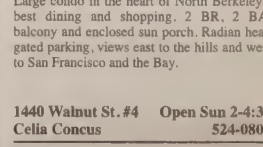
Richmond \$429,500
2 BR, 1.5 BA home with large 10' x 20' bonus room, two-car detached garage, gas stove, beautiful refinished hardwood floors, new interior paint, corner lot with good-size fenced yard. Must see! Excellent value!
830 28th St.
Open Sun 2-4
Lloyd Jung 517-9111



San Pablo \$379,000
Cozy 2 BR, 1 BA cottage in a creekside, park-like setting. Large lot close to Alvarado Park & Wildcat Canyon hiking trails. Needs TLC, but has lots of potential.
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Open Sun 2-4
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Berkeley \$1,400,000
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El Cerrito \$489,000
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A. The replacement of the fireplace is classified by the IRS as an improvement that increases the basis you have in your property. For example, if you paid \$400,000 (basis) for your home three years ago and the only improvement you made was the fireplace for \$30,000, your adjusted basis is \$430,000. There is not a deduction that you can take for the fireplace. The only immediate tax benefit that may apply would possibly be an energy credit from your local utility. However, do not be surprised if you find that the credit had to be applied for prior to the work being done. Q. My husband and I own a rental condo in Sandestin, Fla., with two other families. We would like to sell our one-third to one of the other families. Can we do a simple quit claim? We purchased the condo for \$259,000 in 1996. It is now worth about \$800,000.

Over the years we have put in more than \$100,000 to cover the costs. We have very little in the way of capital improvements within our condo, probably about \$1,000 each. A large portion of that \$100,000 was paid to our management company for the reconstruction of our building and the other eight buildings in our complex. The initial construction was very poor and we have had to do many improvements, such as hurricane tie downs, replacement of the stucco face of the building, fixing leaks around the windows etc.

Will we have to pay capital gains on our entire proceeds or will we be able to deduct the \$100,000 and pay taxes on that lesser amount?

A. A quit claim deed would convey your interest in the property to the family buying your share of the condo. However, I would check with a local attorney and have the attorney prepare the documents that will convey title. This should not be too expensive and you can contact more than one attorney to check prices. Also, contact your management company and obtain information that they may require as part of a unit sale.

With respect to the tax consequences of this transaction, the IRS will allow the monies spent on improvements to be added to your basis in the property. Improvements that qualify to be included in your basis are items that add value, prolong the property's useful life or adapt the property to new uses. When you contact the management company request a cost breakdown of the \$100,000 to document your adjusted basis in the property.

Q. Could you give me the procedure for selling our house to our daughter? There is no mortgage and it would be a cash transaction.

A. I recommend that you contact an attorney to prepare the purchase documents and to arrange for the title transfer. You should contact two or three attorneys to check and compare their fees for this work. Assuming that there are no unusual conditions surrounding the sale, the sale and transfer will be straightforward and involve only a modest expense.

Q. My husband and I own property in South Walton County, Fla. The two lots have an assessed value this year of \$460,000. Looking at comparable property selling in that area for twice that amount and more, we believe we can sell the property for much more than the assessment. Our income is from my husband's Social Security and my part-time job. My husband is 63 and I am 58.

Because the taxes on the property are so high we have had to pay them from our savings and we would like to sell the property. What percentage would our tax liability be if we sold the property for twice the assessment? If we do sell, can you offer suggestions on how to re-invest the money?

A. If you have owned the two lots for more than one year, you would have to pay a 15 percent federal capital gains tax on your profit. Not knowing your interests and risk tolerance, it is hard for me to suggest investment options. Be careful and diversify your future investments.


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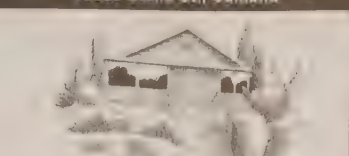
3 bedroom, 2 bath with family room/au pair suite. Beautiful original details including hardwood floors, fireplace, & built-ins. Large eat-in kitchen. Mature flowering garden w/deck & patio. Detached garage.

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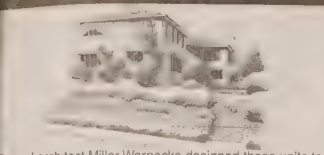
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3373 BIRDSALL AVENUE \$469,000

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2724 MONTICELLO AVENUE \$549,000

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1742 12TH AVENUE \$499,000

East Oakland. Take a look at this! 3BD/2BA Victorian with original detail. Formal dining room, living room with wood burning fireplace, updated kitchen, master suite with deck, garage and full basement.

Rose Nied 531-7000 x273

695 MARIPOSA #302 \$490,000

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Alameda Realty	Bette Barr		
\$385,000	417 Evelyn #104	2bd/2ba	
Open Sun 2-4		510-701-7181	
Security Pacific R.E.	Carylon Dopp		
\$389,000	325 Kitty Hawk Rd #213	2BD/1BA	
Sat & Sun 2-4		510-333-8897	
Alameda Realty	Eileen Walker		
\$400,000	417 Evelyn #203	2bd/2ba	
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\$449,000	965 Shorepoint Ct. #203	2 BD/2 BA	
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C21 Heritage	Elisa Aguilar		

Albany			
\$798,000	9160 San Pablo Ave.	3 BD/3.5 BA	
Sun 1-4		515-296-2108	
McGuire Real Estate	Robin Duxan		
\$875,000	1347 Washington Ave.	3+bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-406-6991	
William Shaw, Jeans Realty.com			
\$899,000	711 San Carlos	4BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		925-528-7111	
Village Associates	Charles Levine		
\$949,000	1010 Peralta St	4bd/2ba	
Open Sat/Sun. 2-5		510-409-6977	
Liz Stevens			
Windermere Bay Area	510-773-4890	Aliya Johnson	

Berkeley			
\$399,000	1234 Kains Ave	1BD/1BA	
Open Sat & Sun 2-4		925-330-1985	
Coldwell Banker	P. Bagherzadeh-Azar/R. AkBali		
\$425,000	1406 Stannage Ave	2bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-4	Westbrae	510-207-2968	
Thornwall Properties	Helen Walker/Kathryn Stein		
\$459,000	2474 Martin Luther King Way	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley	510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.	Jennifer Fickenscher		
\$519,000	2022-9th St	2bd/1ba	
Open Sun. 2-4:30	West Berkeley	510-339-9290	
Prudential Montclair	Doug Fuller		
\$529,000	1415 Dwight Way	3bd/1ba	
Open Sat/Sun. 2-5		510-428-0900	
Prudential	Robbie Powell		
\$530,000	2711 Mabel St.	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker	Bobbie Giarratana		
\$539,000	2615 Telegraph Ave. #402	2bd/1ba	
Open Sun. 2-4	Berkeley Campus	510-849-9900	
Maison Nouveau	Tory Finn		
\$549,000	2908 Florence St	2bd/1.5ba	
Open Sun. 2-4	Elmwood	510-849-9900	
Maison Nouveau	Annalise Demuth		
\$565,000	2104 Sacramento St	3bd/1ba	
Open Sat/Sun. 1-5		415-307-1423	
Windermere Bay Area	Gina Odum		

Berkeley			
\$565,000	852 Peralta Ave	2bd/1ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-280-2189	
Red Oak Realty	Nicole Forte		
\$585,000	1604 Alston Way	2bd/1ba	
Open Sat/Sun. 2-4:30		510-506-2762	
Windermere Real Estate	Janet Kaplan		
\$595,000	1012 Grayson #C	Condo	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-409-9111	
Red Oak Realty	Feri Niroomand		
\$629,000	1224 Peralta Ave	2+bd/1ba	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Westbrae	510-524-1700x19	
Berkeley Hills Realty	Arlene Baxter		
\$630,000	1440 Walnut St. #4	2bd/2ba	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-524-0800	
Marvin Gardens	Celia Concus		
\$665,000	26 Rock Lane	2++bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-527-2700x31	
Marvin Gardens	Juliana Wynberg		
\$669,000	1060 Grizzly Peak	3bd/2.5ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-280-2122	
Red Oak Realty	Shahin Bayat		
\$695,000	1229 Neilson	2+bd/1.5ba	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Westbrae	510-524-9888x28	
Berkeley Hills Realty	Barbara Conheim		
\$695,000	2907 Harper St	2 BD/1.5 BA	
Sun 2-4	Berkeley	510-814-4713	
Harbor Bay Realty	Russ Grant		
\$699,000	1321 Ordway St.	2BD/1BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-333-1347	
Pacific Union Residential	Rich Gould		
\$769,000	1486 Campus Dr. B	2++bd/1+ba	
Open Sat/Sun.1-4	Hills	510-845-0211	
Prudential	Dennis Millard		
\$780,000	1065 Park Hills Rd.	3 BD/2.5 BA	
Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley Hills	415-296-2150	
McGuire Real Estate	John Asourian		
\$875,000	2815 Piedmont Avenue	3BD/2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley	510-652-2133	
The Grubb Co.	Diane Verducci		
\$885,000	1009 Overlook Rd	5bd/2.5ba	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-524-0800	
Marvin Gardens	Celia Concus		
\$950,000	31 Avenida Dr.	4BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4		925-251-1111	
Alain Pinel Realtors	Wendy Moore		
\$985,000	1418 Milvia St.	4BD/2.5BA	
Open Sun 2-5		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker	Kim & Barbara Marienthal		
\$995,000	702 Spruce Street	4+BD/1.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.	Chris Cohn		
\$1,118,000	2906 & 2908 Florence St	DUPLEX	
Open Sun. 2-4	Elmwood	510-849-9900	
Maison Nouveau	Annalise Demuth		
\$1,150,000	2010 Yolo Avenue	4BD/2.5BA	
OPEN 1-4		510-913-6000	
Investment House Realty	Jeanne Yeh, Agt.		
\$1,195,000	60 Eucalyptus Rd	3bd/2ba	
Open Sat/Sun. 2-5	Claremont	510-915-7207	
Prudential	Julie Lehman		
\$1,200,000	879 Regal Rd	5+bd/3.5ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-527-8822	
Millstein & Assoc.	Gene Millstein		
\$1,295,000	507 Grizzly Peak Boulevard	4BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	N. Berkeley Hills	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.	Karen Starr		
\$1,950,000	2630 Cedar Street	5BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-899-8000	
Alain Pinel Realtors	Sarah Schisler		
\$2,120,000	1998 San Antonio	5BD/4.5BA	
Open Sun 2-5		510-486-1495	
Coldwell Banker	Kim & Barbara Marienthal		
\$2,500,000	715 Arlington Ave	5BD/5.5BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	Berkeley	510-339-0400	
The Grubb Co.	Bebe McRae		

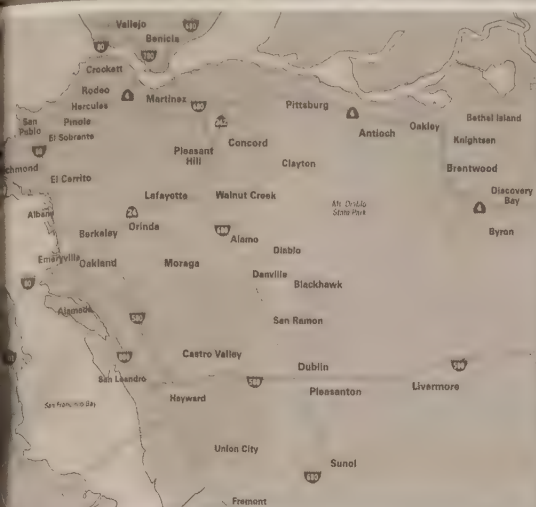
Castro Valley			
\$649,000	3161 Brent Ct.	3 BD/2 BA	
Sun 2-4	Castro Valley	510-814-4892	
Harbor Bay Realty	Eunice Edwards		
\$895,000	6420 Mt. Olympus Dr.	4 BD/3 BA	
Sat/Sun 1-4	Palomares Hills	510-748-1170/748-2002	
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	J. Seibach/R. Rossi-Lopez		

Concord			
\$549,950	3145 Ida Dr	3bd/2ba	
Open Sun 2-4		510-237-1111	
Coldwell Banker Bartels	Franca Talia		
\$1,395,000	5282 Hiddencrest Ct	5bd/4ba	
Open Sat/Sun. 1-4		510-339-1111	
Montclair Better Homes	Pamela F...		
El Cerrito			
\$489,000	1401 Everett St	3bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-527-1111	
Marvin Gardens	Mary Gray/Mykah L...		
\$575,000	1402 Everett St.	3+BD/2BA	
Sat & Sun 1-4		510-486-1111	
Coldwell Banker	Kimiko Terry & Sebastian...		
\$575,000	8106 Terrace	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-5		510-486-1111	
Coldwell Banker	Kathie Long...		
\$639,000	1314 Richmond St.	3BD/2BA	
Open Sat/Sun 1-4		510-486-1111	
Coldwell Banker	Gene D. Maggiora/Zanna K...		
\$649,500	6724 Hagen Blvd	3bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 1-4		510-224-1111	
Results Realty	John P. Ander...		
\$710,000	1728 Wesley Avenue	3+BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30	El Cerrito Hills	510-652-1111	
The Grubb Co.	Ruth Frasse		
\$769,000	1001 Richmond St	3bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-527-1111	
Coldwell Banker Bartels	Michael Sp...		
\$848,000	2001 Tamalpais Ave	3bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-527-1111	
Marvin Gardens	Herman...		
\$875,000	2520 Tulare Avenue	3BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-1111	
The Grubb Co.	Ruth Frasse		
\$889,000	2515 Mira Vista Dr.	4BD/3BA	
Sun. 1-4pm	El Cerrito Hills	925-858-1111	
Better Homes Realty	Mitra Ghorba		
Emeryville			
\$265,000	1 Captain Dr. #264	2bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-200-1111	
Red Oak Realty	Nedda Ch...		
\$629,000	60 Loop 22	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-339-1111	
Pacific Union Residential	Fritz Hoch...		
Hayward			
\$399,000	25712 Spring Dr.	2 BD/2 BA	
Sun/Sun 2-4	Near CSU E.B.	510-748-1105/748-1106	
Gallagher & Lindsey Inc.	I. Murillo/ D. ...		
\$460,000	21239 Gary Dr. #211	2bd/2ba	
Sat/Sun. 1-4		510-834-1111	
Prudential	Sandi Pa...		
\$539,000	222 Revere Avenue	3000	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-531-7000	
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Anne Ma...		
Kensington			
\$799,000	228 Columbia Ave	3bd/2ba	
Open Sun. 2-5		510-524-9888	
Berkeley Hills Realty	Chris Ehlers-H...		
\$799,000	240 Stanford	4BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4		510-466-1111	
Coldwell Banker	Holy...		
\$1,175,000	110 St. Albans Rd	5+bd+3ba	
Open Sun. 2-4		510-524-9888	
Berkeley Hills	Bill & Tr...		
\$1,200,000	33 Edwin Dr	4+++bd	
Open Sun. 2-4:30	Kensington Hills	510-524-9888	
Berkeley Hills	Maya Tri...		
Lafayette			
\$1,098,000	3399 Woodview Drive	4BD/3BA	
Open Sun 2-4:30		510-531-7000	
Wells & Bennett Realtors	Margaret Ace...		
\$1,550,000	977 Stow Lane	2BD/2BA	
Open Sun 1-4		925-253-1111	
Pacific Union GMAC	Nancy Roth...		
\$2,975,000	4007 Natasha Dr.	5BD/5BA	
Open Sun 1-5		510-466-1111	
Coldwell Banker	Kim & Barbara Mari...		
Oakland			
\$295,000	6740 Mokelumne	2BD/2BA	
Open Sat & Sun 2-4		925-330-1111	
Coldwell Banker	John & Kim...		

Weekend OPEN HOMES

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245 Perkins Unit #45 Sun 2-4:30 Oakland Oak Realty	Adams Pl 510-339-9290 Mary Dresser	1bd/1ba
2201 West St Oak Realty	6 Lofts 510-280-2105 Sara Garabedian	
9837 Lawlor Oak Realty	18D/18A Toler Heights Antonio "Noni" Robinson	510-339-4700
3825 High St. #103 Oak Realty	2bd/2ba Erik Johnson	510-339-4700
6321 E. 17th St. Oak Realty	2BD/18A 510-339-0227 Judy Swaby	
594 55th St Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-280-2162 Saraya Motley	
6435 Halliday Oak Realty	3bd/1ba 510-834-2010 Martin Holmes	
320 Caldecott Ln #119 Oak Realty	18D/18A 510-486-1495 Barb Allendorf	
2876 Carmel Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-339-4000 Jim Schubert	
1739 East 23rd St. Oak Realty	2 BD/1 BA 510-748-1131 Ms. "Sam" McDowell	
260 Caldecott Ln #126 Oak Realty	18D/18A 510-339-9999 Maurice	
930 Clay St. Unit M Oak Realty	1bd/1ba 510-332-2899 Lee Goodwin	
2538 83rd Ave Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-339-4000 Ken Nwokedi	
1 Lakeside Dr. #202 Oak Realty	18D/18A 925-998-1069 Janette Licata	
3015 Linden St Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-280-2153 Izumi Tada	
425 E. 11th St. #24 Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-547-5970 x55 Ron Kriss	
625000 Madison St. #105 Oak Realty	2bd/2ba 510-834-2010 San & Vivian	
7638 Holly St. Oak Realty	2 BD/1 BA 510-748-1108/748-1171 Ms. B. G. Bissett/S. DiGiulio	
1032 32nd Street Oak Realty	2BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Victor Ratto	
2257 High Street Oak Realty	3BD/18A 510-421-6818 Andrea Gordon	
3038 Suter St Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-428-0900 Bryan Salomone	
7824 Hillmont Dr Oak Realty	-bd/-ba 510-527-9111 Vanessa Timon Smith	
1008 Chester St Oak Realty	3 BD/2 BA 510-814-4864 Ronald Jones	
3373 Birdsell Avenue Oak Realty	2BD/18A 510-531-7000 x228 Kate Phillips	
3279 Market Street Oak Realty	3BD/1.5BA 510-339-4700 R. Tolbert/K. Nayo-Cliett	
3703 Magee Ave Oak Realty	3bd/1ba 510-663-3200x101 Lilla Marquez	
5340 Broadway Terrace #503 Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-428-0900 Vickie & Aleso	
5238 Leona St. Oak Realty	18D/18A 925-253-7051 Sandra Thomas	
525 Mandana Blvd #209 Oak Realty	2bd/2ba 510-834-2010 Henriette Lanier-Green	
5110 Lawton Ave Oak Realty	2BD/18A 510-547-5970 x55 Ron Kriss	
3774 Ruby St Oak Realty	2bd/1.5ba 510-339-9290 Lisa Friedman	
4028 West Oak Realty	2BD/1.5BA 510-486-1495 Catherine Varnau	
695 Mariposa #302 Oak Realty	2BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x292 Carol Robbiano	
1742 12th Avenue Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x273 Rose Nied	

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4547 San Carlos Oak Realty	3bd/1+ba 510-339-8400 Ganice Morgan-Austin	
8323 Iris Street Oak Realty	3BD/1.5BA 925-997-0123 Albert Bernardo	
400 Wayne Ave. #7 Oak Realty	2bd/2ba 510-417-1054 Arianna Fleischman	
1250 E. 33rd Street Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Michael Friedman	
6623 Deakin Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-845-0211 Roy Grigsby	
914 55th St Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-845-0211 Karen Ruth	
347 Lewis Oak Realty	1bd/2ba 510-968-1400 Wendy Kashiwa	
2963 55th Ave Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	
425 E. 11th St. #5 Oak Realty	2+BD/2+BA 510-547-5970 x55 Ron Kriss	
8048 Earl Street Oak Realty	3 BD/2 BA 510-387-3790 Colleen McFerrin	
2025 106th Ave. Oak Realty	3 BD/1 BA 510-748-1165 Gallagher & Lindsey Inc. Darryl & Yolanda Freeman	
2724 Monticello Avenue Oak Realty	3BD/18A 510-531-7000 x228 Wells & Bennett Realtors	
3815 Ruby St Oak Realty	2bd/2ba 510-968-1575 Jake	
3030 Martin Luther King Way Oak Realty	4bd/1.5ba 510-851-6627 Shirley Covington	
4222 Knoll Avenue Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-531-7000 x228 Carol Robbiano	
4026 West St. Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-486-1495 Catherine Varnau	
539 Zorah St Oak Realty	3 BD/1 BA 510-814-4885 Jeff Goodman	
931 57th St Oak Realty	DUPLEX 510-292-2036 Sarah Richards	
3218 Madeline St Oak Realty	2+bd/1ba 510-406-6991 Diane Deutsche, JeansRealty.com	
1920 Foothill Blvd Oak Realty	3bd/1ba 510-834-2010 Roxanne Wong	
591 59th St Oak Realty	4BD/2BA 510-339-1381 Tom Nemeth	
320 Caldecott Ln #311 Oak Realty	2BD/2BA 510-336-9999 Maurice	
4135 Emerald St. Oak Realty	2+bd/1ba 510-339-9290 Lisa Friedman	
4519 Shafter Ave Oak Realty	2BD/2BA 925-352-5527 Michelle Ford	
4727 Meldon Ave Oak Realty	3bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Jennie Lippincott	
3952 Canon Ave Oak Realty	2bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	
565 Bellevue Ave. #1403 Oak Realty	1bd/2ba 510-595-7699 Dave Higgins	
1769 Clemens Rd. Oak Realty	2BD/18A 510-338-1379 Steven Blasatti	
3820 Wisconsin Ln Oak Realty	4BD/2BA 510-338-1391 Dwight McCan	
4456 Hyacinth Ave. Oak Realty	2BD/18A 510-338-1354 Jennie A. Flanigan	
1845 Woodhaven Way Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-339-8400 Mary Jane McConville	
5332 Bryant Oak Realty	3BD/18A 510-339-4700 Terry Kulka/Julie Joyce	
631 Polier St Oak Realty	4bd/3ba 510-527-0800 Melissa Elzenberg	
3391 Jordan Rd Oak Realty	3bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	

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420 57th Street Oak Realty	3BD/18A 510-339-0227 Judy Swaby	
4751 Fair Ave. Oak Realty	2 BD/1.5 BA 510-530-7390 IREB Agent/Owner	
4457 Reinhardt Dr. Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-338-1352 Diane McCan	
565 Bellevue #1206 Oak Realty	2BD/2BA 510-701-3700 Tom Anthony	
6233 Thornhill Oak Realty	2+bd/2ba 510-428-0900 Nancy Hinkley	
4300 Dunsuir Ave. Oak Realty	3+BD/2.5BA 510-338-1309 Lee Jacobson	
4117 Coolidge Oak Realty	2+BD/1.5BA 510-339-4700 Rachel Baller	
3061 Wisconsin Oak Realty	3++bd/2ba 510-428-0900 Judith Glass/Sheila Sabine	
750 54th St. Oak Realty	2BD/18A 510-336-9999 Maurice	
3255 Guido Oak Realty	2+BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Donna Conroy	
7892 Sunkist Dr. Oak Realty	3+BD/2BA 510-868-7300 Adam Watts	
368 Van Buren Ave. Oak Realty	3BD/1+BA 510-338-1385 Jeffrey Neideman	
6155 Westover Oak Realty	3+BD/2+BA 510-338-1314/1332 S. Klemmer/J. Strauch	
1180-1182 62nd St Oak Realty	4bd/2ba 510-380-6017 Anne Ayankoya	
4992 Hedge Ln. Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-338-1317 Kathy Flynn	
3549 Redwood Rd Oak Realty	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-4700 Donna Conroy	
3529-3531 Lincoln Ave Oak Realty	3 Units 510-551-5839 Mark Miller	
6281 Westover Dr Oak Realty	4bd/4ba 510-209-8519 Alison Matsuhara	
529 45th St Oak Realty	DUPLEX 510-339-8400 Regina Jacobs	
4288 Fruitvale Ave Oak Realty	3BD/3BA 925-580-8801 Linnette Edwards	
4675 Reinhardt Dr Oak Realty	4bd/2ba 510-339-9290 Tami Bobb	
673 Rosal Ave Oak Realty	3+bd/1.5ba 510-339-8400 Jennie Lippincott	
67 Gleneden Oak Realty	3bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	
6657 Gunn Drive Oak Realty	5BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Kara Thacker	
6900 Thornhill Dr. Oak Realty	3BD/2.5BA 925-640-6717 Joe Cariffe	
565 Bellevue Ave. #2207 Oak Realty	2bd/2ba 510-595-7699 Dave Higgins	
3445 Henrietta Oak Realty	-bd/-ba 510-834-2010 San & Vivian	
75 Starview Dr. Oak Realty	3BD/2.5BA 510-899-8000 Karl Scholman	
1942 Rosecrest Dr Oak Realty	3+bd/3ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	
5870 Ascot Dr Oak Realty	4bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	
3375 Herrier St Oak Realty	3bd/1.5ba 510-339-9290 Patricia Makinen	
191 Elysian Fields Oak Realty	3bd/2ba 510-339-9290 Myrtice Wong	
1624 Trestle Glen Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Dian Hymer	
6827 Ridgewood Drive Oak Realty	3BD/3BA 510-899-8000 Steven Stratton	
892 Sunnyhills Rd Oak Realty	3bd/2ba 510-280-2144 Cindy Wilson	
2699 Haverhill Drive Oak Realty	4BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Joan Duffield	
842 Carlston Ave Oak Realty	3bd/2ba 510-292-2003 Elizabeth McDonald	
6170 Bullard Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-339-4700 N. Dickey/B. Andersen	
8221 Skyline Cir Oak Realty	4bd/3.5ba 510-339-8400 Rosemary Greene	
515 Valle Vista Ave Oak Realty	3+BD/2+BA 510-339-8900 x230 TOM ERWIN	
4386 Short Hill Road Oak Realty	3BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Darcy Diamante	
2431-2437 Damuth Oak Realty	4 Units 510-528-0900 Bryan Salomone	
5419 Locksley Ave Oak Realty	3+BD/3BA 510-547-5970 x55 Ron Kriss	

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1038 Walker Ave. Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-338-1374/1377 D. DeBardi/C. Buffington	
5265 Lawton Ave Oak Realty	3++bd/2.5ba 510-527-2700x32 Richard Morrison	
4224 Reinhardt Dr Oak Realty	3+bd/3ba 510-339-4000 Ken Nwokedi	
525 Forest St Oak Realty	4bd/2ba 510-339-8400 Caroline Peters	
842 Madana Oak Realty	5 BD/3.5 BA 510-622-0000 Grazina & Herb Blivins	
7101 Chabot Rd Oak Realty	4bd/2+ba 510-599-5709 Judy Richardson	
6161 Harbor Drive Oak Realty	4BD/3+BA 510-339-0400 Debra Dryden	
6172 Mathieu Ave Oak Realty	4+bd/3.5ba 510-339-8400 Patricia Bennett	
6940 Charing Cross Oak Realty	3bd/3ba 510-280-2163 Charlie Cook	
1375 Sunnyhills Road Oak Realty	5BD/2BA 510-339-4700 Judy Ackerman	
6117 Fairlane Drive Oak Realty	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Liat Bostick	
901 Paramount Road Oak Realty	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Judith Cain	
1018 Mountain Boulevard Oak Realty	4+BD/2.5BA 510-452-2133 Bebe McCrae	
1037 Aquarius Way Oak Realty	3BD/2.5BA 510-339-0400 Jill Carrigan	
747 Rosemount Oak Realty	3+BD/2+BA 510-339-4700 Dian Hymer	
5780 Margarido Drive Oak Realty	3BD/2+BA 510-339-0400 Sandra Vogl	
129 Calvert Court Oak Realty	4+BD/3BA 510-339-0400 Dana Cohen	
6062 Lawton Ave Oak Realty	5BD/2.5BA 510-338-1374/1367 D. DeBardi/C. Buffington	
1150 West View Dr Oak Realty	4bd/3+ba 510-453-2050 Anat Tarpoff	
5110 Crockett Pl Oak Realty	5++bd/4ba 510-339-8400 Mary Jane McConville	
2707 Camino Lenada Oak Realty	4BD/3BA 510-339-4700 Ellen Lancaster	
852 Mountain Blvd Oak Realty	5+bd/3.5ba 510-524-9888x20 Nancy Mueller	
115 Taurus Avenue Oak Realty	4BD/3BA 510-652-2133 Steve Michaelides	
6201 Virgo Road Oak Realty	4BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Angela Wel Grubb	
984 Longridge Road Oak Realty	4+BD/3.5BA 510-339-0400 Anthony Riggins	
6382 Brookside Ave Oak Realty	4BD/2.5BA 510-338-1318 Dee Knowland	
9050 Broadway Terrace Oak Realty	4+bd/3+ba 510-339-9290 Heidi Marchessotti	
12667 Skyline Blvd Oak Realty	4+BD/3BA 510-339-8900 x238 Helen Nicholas	
5935 Manchester Dr Oak Realty	4++BD/4++BA 510-338-1382 Keith Tollas	
7 Dawn St Oak Realty	4+BD/5BA 510-486-1495 Holly Rose/Diane Southworth	

Orinda

66 Moraga Way Oak Realty	4BD/3BA 510-547-1615/925-253-4601 Jeryllyn Babington	
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Piedmont

550 Boulevard Way Oak Realty	3BD/2BA 510-339-0400 Katherine Cooper	
505 Scenic Oak Realty	4BD/3BA 510-338-1370/338-1383 E. Celestre/S. Gallagher	
393 Hampton Road Oak Realty	4BD/4BA 510-339-0400 Anlan Pettit Tunney	

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2853 Wright Ave. Oak Realty	4BD/2BA 510-339-6160x299 Jody Dworak	
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Richmond

1417 Burbeck Ave Oak Realty	2 BD/1 BA 510-814-4879 Guinevere Holder	
1459 Carlson Blvd Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-527-8545 Urry Beary	
444 39th St Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-868-1400 Barbara Reynolds	
550 18th St Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-367-4521 Rod Davis	

Richmond

640 40th ST Oak Realty	2+bd/1ba 510-868-1574 Maria Cavallo Merrion	
830 28th St Oak Realty	2bd/1.5ba 510-527-9111 Lloyd Jung	
525 28th St Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-280-2112 Edna Olmstead	
2850 Humphrey Ave Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-290-8175 Bling Pierce	
621 Commodore Dr Oak Realty	2bd/2.5ba 510-280-2108 Robin Kingsbury	
1006 View Dr. Oak Realty	3BD/1.5BA 510-486-1495 Michael Oh	
530 43rd St Oak Realty	2bd/1ba 510-524-9888x33 Bill & Tracy	
788 34th St Oak Realty	3 BD/1 BA 510-814-4879 Guinevere Holder	
450 36th Street Oak Realty	2+BD/1.5 BA 510-919-6974 Renate Kohlmann	
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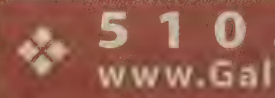
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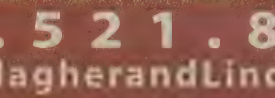


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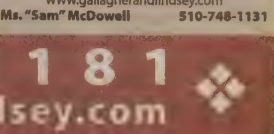
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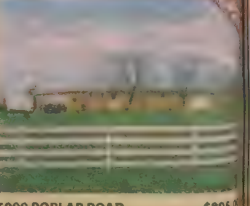
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Around the horn

Another honor for Paris

■ Piedmont High School graduate Courtney Paris was selected to the NCAA Division I Kodak Women's Basketball Coaches Association's All-America Basketball Team this week.

This year's team marks the 32nd year of the longest running sponsorship in women's athletics. Selection committees in each of the eight WBCA geographical regions selected 10 of the top women's basketball players in the nation to be honored.

The other members of the team were LSU's Simone Augustus, Duke's Monique Currie, Ohio State's Jessica Davenport, Georgia's Tasha Humphrey, North Carolina's Ivory Latta, Tennessee's Candace Parker, Rutgers' Cappie Pondexter, Stanford's Candice Wiggins and Baylor's Sophia Young.

Paris, a 6-foot-4 center, averaged 21.9 points, 15 rebounds and 3.3 blocks per game, and shot 61.4 percent as a freshman at Oklahoma this season. Her 539 rebounds is an NCAA single-season record.

— Dave Carpenter

Contingency plans

■ As the rainy weather continues to alter high school baseball and softball schedules in the Bay Area, the topic of makeup games is becoming more important. An option that Bay Shore Athletic League commissioner Phil Tomasini presented to league athletic directors as far as baseball is concerned is to take the games that have been rained out already and schedule them for Mondays in May, followed by Saturdays in May if needed. As for the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, Commissioner Bill Jones said Wednesday that no plan would be decided until an ACCAL athletic directors meeting on Thursday. Results of the meeting were not available at press time. Jones said the league does have a plan in place to reschedule games, but that is for individual games. "When we have all four games (on numerous dates) rained out, we have to have a management plan," Jones said. "If we get two or three (more) dates rained out, we are really up against it, and we would have to look at playing on Saturday, or a fourth day (in a week). Whatever we do, we have to commit to playing the full schedule."

— Phil Jensen

On Deck

■ **St. Mary's at Albany (Cougar Field)**, baseball, 3:30 p.m., April 10 — Both teams are within two games of first place in the Bay Shore Athletic League at press time.

■ **Albany at St. Mary's (Central)**, softball, 3:30 p.m., April 10 — The two squads are both within 1½ games of first place in the BSAL at press time.

■ **Alameda vs. El Cerrito**, boys golf at Mira Vista, 3:30 p.m., April 13 — In the first match up, the Gauchos handed the Hornets their first Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League loss in almost two years with a 169-172 victory.

■ **Piedmont at Bishop O'Dowd**, boys lacrosse, 6 p.m., April 7 — This promises to be one of Northern California's better matchups this season, according to laxpower.com. The Web site ranks the Highlanders fifth and the Dragons ninth in Northern California. Statewide, the teams' respective rankings are 26th and 33rd. Piedmont enters this game at 10-0. O'Dowd (7-3) got crushed, 14-4, by University-San Francisco, ranked sixth in Northern California, on March 30 but bounced back for a 6-5 win over Foothill on Tuesday.

■ **Bishop O'Dowd at Piedmont**, girls lacrosse, 7 p.m., April 7 — Admittedly, this matchup lacks some of the appeal of the boys contest as O'Dowd is 3-8 and Piedmont 1-4. For the curious, however, both teams have some promising players.

■ **Skyline at Castlemont, Oakland Tech at Fremont, McClymonds at Oakland**, girls soccer, 3:30 p.m., April 7 — Barring a deluge or lightning, the Oakland Athletic League will open its regular season, as all three home sites have all-weather fields. Skyline has won the league title the past five seasons and looks to keep its string alive.

■ **Pinole Valley at Alameda**, softball, 4 p.m., April 12 — The Hornets won all three meeting last season, including a 3-0 victory in the North Coast Section 2A East Bay title game. But, Alameda returns three players from that team and has a new coach. Pinole Valley, the favorite to win the ACCAL this season, returns all but one starter.

■ **John Swett vs. St. Joseph Notre Dame**, baseball, at College of Alameda, 3:30 p.m., Monday — Three games into a rain-soaked Bay Shore Athletic League season, the Indians and Pilots are tied for third with a 2-1 mark.

■ **Encinal at Alameda**, boys tennis, 3:30 p.m., April 11 — The Jets will attempt to do something that no ACCAL team has been able to do this season or last season, beat the Hornets.

Stars of the week

■ **Trevor Oda, El Cerrito boys golf** — Oda was the Gauchos' low scorer in two losses to Hercules. He shot a 8-over 43 in a 170-171 loss to the Titans at Mira Vista Golf Course, then shot a 5-over 41 in a 169-183 loss to Hercules at Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Hercules.

■ **Bryan Ushijima, Berkeley boys volleyball** — Ushijima had 13 assists and two aces in a 25-8, 25-6, 25-12 victory over St. Elizabeth.

■ **Isa Guardalabene, Albany girls swimming** — Guardalabene won the 200-yard freestyle (1:12.53) as well as swimming a leg on the victorious 200 medley relay (2:09.50) and 200 freestyle relay (1:54.65) teams in a 105-64 win over Salesian.



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EL CERRITO'S Trevor Oda fired a 43 to lead the Gauchos in a 170-181 loss against Hercules.

Hercules bests El Cerrito

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER

Rain, cold and a sloppy course usually tend to translate into a poor round of golf for most.

The Hercules High School boys team overcame those challenges, however, to post a 170-181 victory over El Cerrito in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League match at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club on March 30.

Inclement weather and sloppy grounds seemed to have little effect on Hercules' Kevin Reyes, who shot a 2-over 37 for the nine holes. Titans teammate Greg Ng had the day's second-best score at 42.

El Cerrito's top two finishers were Trevor Oda with a 43 and Scott Leong with 44. Ahmad Dilliehunt and Bryce Momono finished with rounds of 46 and 48, respectively, for the Gauchos.

"Their number one shot 37, ours shot 43, that's six strokes right there," El Cerrito coach Roddy Lee said. "But you've got to give (Reyes) credit for shooting lights-out golf."

The loss dropped El Cerrito to 4-2 in the ACCAL. Hercules improved to 3-1 in the league and 6-1 overall.

"If we're going to win matches, we've got to shoot one or two strokes better than we have," said Lee, whose team has a win over Alameda to its credit this season.

Hercules 169, El Cerrito 183: In a rematch on Monday, the Titans had four golfers with scores between 41 and 44 on the par-36 Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Hercules.

Oda, Reyes and Ng tied for medalist honors with scores of 5-over 41.

El Cerrito 180, Encinal 216: Leong shot a score of 3-over 39 and Dilliehunt added a score of 43 at the

HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Jack Clark course of the Chuck Corica Golf Complex on March 29.

Albany 252, Salesian 256: The Cougars edged the Chieftains on the par-36 course at Franklin Canyon on March 30. Joy Kim paced the Cougars (1-4 BSAL) with a score of 3-over 39.

Piedmont 221, St. Mary's 240: The Highlanders had four of the five lowest scores to win this BSAL dual match on March 30 at Claremont Country Club in Oakland. Matt Mechel led the Panthers (2-3 BSAL) with a score of nine-over 43.

BASEBALL

Albany 3, Head Royce 0: Graeme Agate and Jason Bennett combined for a four-hit shutout and Agate added a solo home run in the first inning for host Albany (6-2) on March 29.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

El Cerrito 1, Salesian: The visiting Gauchos edged past the Chieftains 25-20, 25-19, 23-25, 25-23 on Tuesday. Don Miguel Tutass had 12 kills, Robert Duffala had 14 service points and Ramon Herrera had 18 assists for El Cerrito (15-5 at press time).

Berkeley d. St. Elizabeth: Bryan Ushijima had 13 assists and Tomek Stec had six aces to pace the host Yellow Jackets (10-3) to a 25-8, 25-6, 25-12 nonleague victory on March 30.

Berkeley d. Kennedy: Scott Kellert had eight kills and teammate Pen Gruth added five kills in a 25-9, 25-3, 25-11 nonleague victory over March 29.

BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

Oakland Invitational Relays: Al-

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bany's Colin Bauer and Berkeley's Charlie Enscoe highlighted local performances at this invitational at Laney College on Saturday.

Bauer was second in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 4 minutes, 30.78 seconds. Deer Valley's Clinton Hayes won the event in 4:27.91. Bauer was also sixth in the 800 (2:02.28).

Enscoe, a junior, was second in the 3,200 (9:52.27). Berkeley's William Swift added a fourth-place finish in the 300 hurdles (42.26).

GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

Oakland Invitational Relays: Albany's Rebecca Molinari finished in the top two in two events to highlight local performances at this invitational at Laney College on Saturday.

Molinari won the discus (112 feet, 8 inches) and was second in the shot put (35-1¼).

Berkeley's Lindsay Roach, Whitney McGee and Michelle Miller all had fourth-place finishes. Roach clocked a time of 59.59 in the 400, and McGee had a time of 13.00 in the 100. Miller was tied for fourth in the long jump (15-11¼).

BOYS SWIMMING

St. Mary's 84, Piedmont 80: Blake Cushing won three individual events to pace the Panthers in this BSAL

meet at Encinal on March 30. Cushing won the 50-yard freestyle (23.83), 100 freestyle (52.06) and 100 breaststroke (1:07.12).

Albany 114, Salesian 45: Will Rhea finished first in two individual events for the Cougars in this BSAL meet at Contra Costa College on March 30. Rhea won the 200 individual medley (2:21.82) and 100 backstroke (1:06.09).

GIRLS SWIMMING

Piedmont 107, St. Mary's 74: Genny Delos Santos and Kim Holland won individual events for the Panthers in this BSAL meet on March 30 at Encinal. Delos Santos won the diving competition (124.8 points) and Holland took first in the 100 backstroke (1:12.38).

Albany 105, Salesian 64: The Cougars' Isa Guardalabene and Casey Osborn each won two individual events in this BSAL meet on Nov. 30 at Contra Costa College. Guardalabene won the 200 freestyle (1:59.56) and 100 breaststroke (1:12.53) and Osborn was first in the 50 freestyle (28.12) and the 200 IM (2:17.82).

BOYS TENNIS

St. Mary's 6, St. Joseph Notre Dame 1: The Panthers swept the doubles matches at Harbor Bay Tennis Club in Alameda on March 30. Steven Renner and David Fike defeated Teddy Eusebio and Nahn Nguyen 6-1, 6-0 in the No. 1 doubles match.

BOYS LACROSSE

Monte Vista 12, Berkeley 3: Erik Lyneis had a goal and an assist for the visiting Yellow Jackets in a non-league loss on March 29.

Staff writer Phil Jensen contributed to this roundup.

BASEBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Deer Valley	7-1	Wolverines unbeaten in BVAL play entering this week
2.	Clayton Valley	7-1	Eagles' whole week washed away by rain last week
3.	Monte Vista	4-1	Likewise, the Mustangs. Rain, rain, go away
4.	Acalanes	7-1	Dons commit four errors, stumble vs. Lamorinda rival Miramonte
5.	Foothill	8-1	Falcons pick up hard-to-come-by win over San Ramon Valley
6.	California	2-1	Do they still play baseball in San Ramon? Rain sinking Grizzlies' season
7.	Amador Valley	5-1	Sensing a trend? Dons' field was too swampy for action last week
8.	College Park	5-2	Falcons atop DFAL standings after Acalanes' loss
9.	Alameda	5-3	Hornets top Hercules to open ACCAL play
10.	De La Salle	5-3	Spartans 11, Clovis West 2. Eagles won football, DLS took hoops, baseball

Also receiving votes: Pinole Valley (5-1). The baseball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is compiled by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Results are through Saturday.

SOFTBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Freedom	4-0	Williams' perfect game, McKenzie's HR lead Falcons past Southridge (Ore.)
2.	Newark Memorial	10-0	Tops James Logan 6-1 to take control of the MVAL
3.	Foothill	4-1	Falcons crush California 8-0
4.	Monte Vista	4-1	Gets by Amador Valley and Granada to start EBAL campaign
5.	College Park	4-0	Did not play any games last week
6.	California	4-1	Grizzlies hope to learn from loss to Foothill
7.	Pinole Valley	3-1	Did not play any games last week
T8.	Concord	3-1	Minutemen looking like they could match last season's 6-0 start in DFAL
T8.	Granada	5-2	Matadors could be a pain to play against all season
10.	James Logan	4-1	Colts' red-hot start tempered by loss to Newark Memorial

Also receiving votes: Alhambra (4-1). The softball poll incorporates all East Bay high schools and is voted on by the staff of Contra Costa Newspapers. Records are through Saturday.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

To submit an item to the What's Happening calendar, e-mail sports@cc-times.com to request a form. Put "What's Happening" in the subject line. Nonprofit organizations only. You may be asked to submit a copy of your 1099 or 501(c)(3) to verify nonprofit status. Entries are edited for content and are published as space is available.

BASEBALL
■ EBBA Powerhouse—Tryouts for 10U team at a date, time and location to be determined. For more information call Darrell Ard, 510-691-2049 or e-mail, coachdarrell_8@hotmail.com.

SOFTBALL
■ North American Youth Sports—Openings remaining in the team's second spring youth basketball tournament, to be held May 12-14 at Alameda High School in Oakland. Need boys and girls, grades 5-12. Entry fee: \$125; guarantees each team a minimum of two games. Entry deadline: April 21. Details and entry forms: 800-787-3265 or Curtis Cooper, 510-414-3570.

■ Retirement dinner—A retirement dinner is being held for former Contra Costa College men's basketball coach Ed Greene on April 7 at Mira Vista Country Club in El Cerrito. For information, contact Arnel Greene, 510-334-1228.
■ Adidas Jr. Phenom Camp Boys Division—April 15 and 16, Contra Costa College, 2600 Mission Bell Drive, San Pablo. For boys in 5th-8th grades. \$150 per player. Registration: Brian Gaitner, 510-860-9973, e-mail gaitner123@aol.com.

CHEERLEADING
■ Berkeley Cougars Youth Football and Cheerleading—Sign-ups 1-3 p.m. Saturdays through April 8, San Pablo Park, 2800 Park St., Berkeley. Need players, boys and girls ages 6-14, for the 2006 season. Fee: \$25. Contact: Nichelle Garner, 510-776-8194, www.leaguelineup.com/berkeleycougars.

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FUND-RAISERS
■ El Cerrito and Pinole Valley high

schools—Seeking players and sponsors for their "Third Annual Fund-raising tournament," to be held April 24 at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, Highway 4, Rodeo. 1 p.m. shotgun start. Event includes lunch, raffle and silent auction. Contacts: Roddy Lee, lee@wccusd.k12.ca.us, or Matt Fagares and Jeff Wright, 510-525-6775.

SOCCER
■ San Pablo United Youth Soccer Club—Boys Class 3 intermediate competitive tryouts April 8, 9 and 16, El Portal Soccer Park, San Pablo. Under 10 boys: 4-6 p.m. April 8; Under 12 boys: noon-2 p.m. April 9 and 10 a.m.-noon April 16; Under 14 boys: 10 a.m.-noon April 9 and noon-2 p.m. April 16. All players welcome. Parent or guardian must sign medical waiver. Bring cleats, shin guards, ball, water bottle, one white and one dark shirt. Contacts: Jose Medina, 510-215-9702 or Rafael Torres, 510-222-7295.

YOUTH
■ Ygnacio Valley High School—Head coaching vacancies for following sports: varsity, junior varsity and freshman girls basketball; varsity and junior varsity boys soccer. Mario Balestrieri, AD, 925-685-8414, Ext. 3622 or e-mail, balestrierim@mdusd.k12.ca.us.

■ Berean Christian High School—Coaching vacancies for assistant volleyball; assistant cross country; and varsity and junior varsity assistant football (linebacker, line and quarterback) for upcoming seasons. All coaches must adhere to statement of faith. Craig Lee, 925-945-6464, Ext. 25 or e-mail, coachlee@astound.net.

■ John Swett High School—Accepting applications for varsity boys basketball head coach. Wayne Basye, 510-787-1088, Ext. 105 or e-mail, jscowchbasye@yahoo.com.

■ City of Crockett Recreation—Hiring lifeguards and swim instructors for the summer. Wayne Basye, 510-375-4338.

■ Bishop Estates Swim Team—Accepting applications for head and assistant coaches to oversee swimmers ages 4-18. 925-680-0740.

■ City of Concord field supervisor—Looking for adult supervisor to oversee night softball games, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-10:45 p.m. at Willow Pass Park in Concord. Position pays \$9.29 per hour. Kathie Leavitt, 925-671-3416, www.cityofconcord.org.

■ Oak Grove Swim Club—Looking for certified lifeguards running May through September. 925-465-5445.

wcdiff@astound.net.

■ Benicia High School—Looking for varsity and junior varsity head cheerleading coach. Craig Holden, athletic director, 707-751-2377.

■ Walnut Creek Recreation—Hiring for several positions, including lifeguard and swim instructors (15 years and older); trainees (14-year-olds); adult office staff; and preschool day camp, sports camp and recreation leaders. 925-943-5858.

OAKLAND STROKES

James Barnett and Zander Bice of Berkeley High School were part of the Oakland Strokes Boys Varsity 8 team that finished second by a narrow margin at the San Diego Crew Classic on Saturday and Sunday at Mission Bay in San Diego.

The Strokes' Boys Varsity 8 team produced a time of 6 minutes, 32.24 seconds, less than two seconds behind defending national champion St. Ignace (6:30.60). The Strokes' Girls Varsity and Junior Varsity teams won their races. The varsity squad edged Marin 7:15.16 to 7:16.38. The JV squad had a strong finish to win by more than a boat length in 7:12.23.

— Information provided by Oakland Strokes

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FISHING REPORT

THE BAYS

SUISUN: Jordana Santiago of Martinez Bait & Tackle reported fair fishing this week due to the weather. The rain, coupled with the wind, made for a difficult week of fishing as only two sturgeon were reported. The forecast for the weekend looks unsettled. All of the fresh water coming down river is going to add to the difficulty of obtaining grass shrimp.

Catching sturgeon were Jessica Lancaster of Benicia (55 inches, 27.4 pounds) at the rockwall on pile worms and Santiago (70 inches, about 108 pounds — released) in the Montezuma Slough on salmon roe.

THE DELTA

Bernadette Pipkins of Gotchal Bait and Tackle in Antioch said anglers have been going out for stripers, catfish, bluegill and crappie, but not much has been reported back to the store. Use minnows in the back sloughs for the panfish and try Sherman Lake and West Island for stripers.

THE LAKES

LAKE CHABOT, CASTRO VALLEY: The staff at Lake Chabot reported that trout fishing remains good despite the rainy weather conditions the past several weeks. Many limits of trout are still being caught on both the east and west shoreline. Anglers are having great success using PowerBait and Power Eggs. The best spot to fish for trout is the second dock on the west shoreline. Trolling is a little slow right now but will improve as soon as the lake clears up. The Annual Trout Derby starts April 14 and tickets will be available today.

No bass were reported caught this past week. Bass fishing is generally a little slow this time of year but should improve when the water clears up.

Catfishing is beginning to pick up as several were reported caught

from the first dock on the west shore trail. The water is still muddy, which means catfish will get more active. The most common bait to use is chicken liver or mackerel. Catfishing will improve when the water temperature is warmer. Honker Bay is generally the best spot to catch catfish.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The staff at Los Vaqueros said the trout plant last month still is paying off in the South Cove with big fish biting on a variety of lures and baits. Other spots reporting catches include Oak Point and the Rock Wall. The best bait combination seems to be a night crawler with either white or chartreuse PowerBait. Some anglers have reported using bobbers and fishing closer to the surface. A short 18-24 inch leader seems to do the trick in this instance.

Trollers should head directly across the marina to the east shoreline. Hang a right and move along the shore toward the South Cove. If there are no bites, head toward the buoy line by the dam. Use the small green Rapalas for the best shot at catching fish.

Kyle McGregor caught two largemouth bass (4 and 6 pounds) using spinner balls in the Cowboy Cabin cove. Joel Garcia caught a 7.47-pound trout on PowerBait in the South Cove.

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: The staff at San Pablo Reservoir says those bait fishing for trout should stay around the main recreation area, even amidst the rough conditions. Use PowerBait or night crawlers and attractants on a two-foot leader.

Trollers haven't seen much change in their success rates as the murky water has made it hard to catch fish. Trollers should make their way to Scow Canyon dragging flashers and something bright like a Kastmaster or a multi-colored

Rapala.

Trying for catfish still seems the way to go, given the murky conditions. Lightweight tackle that free float with the breeze is best. Chicken liver is the preferred bait although anglers can use night crawlers or mackerel as well. A lot of companies are producing lures designed specifically for catfish, so it makes sense to use a Rapala.

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR: The staff at Lafayette Reservoir said fishing is picking slowly as anglers braving the weather have been rewarded with two of three trout at various locations around the reservoir. The water is still a bit cloudy, therefore anglers are having the best luck with brightly colored PowerBait such as rainbow or chartreuse. Bass anglers have been doing fairly well using jigs in shallow water around the docks, as a 9-pounder was caught off the "L" dock using a plastic jig.

LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE: The staff at Lake Del Valle said the three trout plants last week has resulted in a number of catches this week, including a few 5-6 pounders. Try the south end near the marina. Kevin Mullen of Pleasanton caught three trout totaling 10 pounds, the largest being pounds, using night crawlers on the marina shoreline. Mike Van Oss of Livermore caught a 6-pound trout in the narrows using green PowerBait. A few largemouth bass are also in had near the dam.

FROM THE LIVEWELL
 The Eighth Annual Outdoor Sportsman's Coalition of California trout derby will be held April 22 from 6:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Lafayette Reservoir. Deadline to enter is April 22 before 6:30 a.m. Fee is \$25 for adults and \$5 for children (ages 6-15). For more information call 925-372-6622.

— Compiled by Chris Pash

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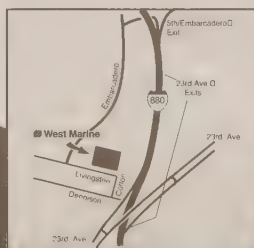
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"ATL": A movie of understated charms, "ATL" will be compared to "Roll Bounce," but only by the intellectually lazy. The hero, Rashad (rapper T.I.), dates a fellow skating rink regular named New-Now. But New-Now's neighborhood is a bit nicer than Rashad knows. Meanwhile, Rashad's buddy Esquire hustles golfers at the country club where he works, earning him taunts of "Tiger Hood" and "Black Nicklaus." — C. Vogner. (PG-13: some violence, mild language and drug use.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. B

"AQUAMARINE": Set in a beach resort, where two friends, Claire and Haley, are about to be separated (one is moving to Australia). Then the duo finds a mermaid in the pool, which means they have to deal with the mermaid, the moving-away thing and a cute, blond lifeguard named Ray. Nothing original here, but there's a sense that the script understands how "tween girls think." — C. Hewitt. (PG: mild language, sexuality.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. C+

"ASK THE DUST": Salma Hayek is nutty and Colin Farrell is studly, but they have zero chemistry in this cheesy, clueless Depression-era romance directed by the venerable Robert Towne, who wrote the screenplay for "Chinatown." — R. Myers. (R: some sexuality, nudity, language.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. D+

"AWESOME: ... I SHOT THAT!": The Beastie Boys handed out video cameras to 50 fans and told them to go wild gathering footage of their sold-out October 2004 Madison Square Garden show. The intention was to capture an authentic audience experience. The result: a jerky, headache-inducing experience that is almost unwatchable. — C. Lemire. (R: language.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C

"BASIC INSTINCT 2": Psychopathic novelist Catherine Trammel (Sharon Stone) lures a control-freak psychiatrist (an anemic David Morrissey) into her kinky parlor. But it takes more than 90 minutes for this bozo to muster up the chutzpah to go there. That's part of the problem in this uneasy sequel to the 1992 steamhorn. Stone outrageously brings this baby home, and even sports a nifty hair style that should become all the rage at beauty shops. — R. Myers. (R: strong sexuality, nudity, violence, language and some drug content.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. C-

"BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN": Two cowboys (Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger) fall unexpectedly in love in director Ang Lee's masterful ode to the West and romance. The pair meet and find themselves impossibly attracted to each other while herding sheep on Brokeback Mountain, then form a clandestine relationship that lasts 20 years. Everything about this beautiful and evocative film works, from the cast to the direction to the score. — R. Myers. (R: sexuality, nudity, language and some violence.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. A

"CAPOTE": Philip Seymour Hoffman shouldn't be the only name considered for an Oscar nomination in this rich and profound film about the making of a masterpiece and the undoing of a writer. Hoffman never misses a beat playing flamboyant author Truman Capote. The assured movie, from director Bennett Miller, follows the egomaniacal author through the process of writing his masterpiece, "In Cold Blood." Catherine Keener is exceptional as Capote's friend, and assistant, Harper Lee. — R. Myers. (R: some violent images and brief strong language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. A

"THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE": The childlike wonderment we experienced when we first encountered the magical world of author C.S. Lewis is replicated in this enchanting adaptation. Four children living in England's countryside during

WWII enter a wardrobe that takes them to a winter wonderland where an evil White Witch (Tilda Swinton) with killer fashion sense is in a tug-of-war with a majestic and virtuous lion (voiced by Liam Neeson). The film with Christian themes lags as it enters its more talky third final act, but "Narnia" casts quite a spell. — R. Myers. (PG: battle sequences, frightening moments.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. B+

"CSA: THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA": Filmmaker Kevin Willmott adroitly combines the techniques of the mock documentary with the philosophy of alternate or "what if" history. It provocatively presents the world as it would be if the South had won the Civil War and slavery persisted to this day. A world that, in a savage twist, is closer to the one we live in than we might imagine. — K. Turan. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B-

"CURIOUS GEORGE": In the animated adaptation of H.A. Rey's gentle children's classics, museum curator Ted meets George while leading an African expedition for a fabled idol. The statue is just the thing needed to boost the museum's failing attendance, but naturally the mission doesn't go as planned. Ted's main trophy from Africa is the friendly little monkey, whose high jinks back in the big city help save the museum. — C. Covert. (G) 1 hour, 37 minutes. B

"DATE MOVIE": The "brainchild" of two members of the "Scary Movie" writing team skewers the romantic comedy genre. Just as spoofy and trashy as those other movies, but maybe a tad more sophisticated. Could be better material, or the acting gifts of Alyson Hannigan ("American Pie"). — B. Strauss. (PG-13: sex, language.) 1 hour, 23 minutes. B

"DAVE CHAPPELLE'S BLOCK PARTY": A good-timey vibe lasts from beginning to end of "Party," which is mostly musical performances but also has segments where Chappelle does his thing. The comedian is effortlessly hilarious, whether he's chatting with lucky Dayton, Ohio, residents who snagged all-expenses-paid trips to the concert, or rehearsing deliberately awful jokes. — C. Hewitt. (R: drug references, strong language.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B+

"DEEP SEA 3D": This excellent IMAX movie has a message about the importance of relationships under the sea. It travels seamlessly from "cleaning stations" where green sea turtles get algae scraped off their backs to an octopus devouring a helpless

crustacean — and beyond. — N. Churnin. (Not rated.) 45 minutes. A-

"DON'T COME KNOCKING": The film plays like a greatest-hit collection stung on replay. Despite "Knocking's" artistic pretensions and preening — a drama about a Hollywood cowboy caught in a web of family ties, new and old — it is just refresh, filled with one shouting match after another. The film has some fleeting moments of greatness, but it's not enough to get us through the whining. Film veterans Sam Shepard and director Wim Wenders should be raising the bar, not resting their elbows on it. — R. Myers. (R: language, brief nudity.) 2 hours, 2 minutes. C

"DON'T TELL (LA BESTIAL NEL CUORE)": Directed by Cristina Comencini and based on a novel she wrote, this foreign language film Oscar winner not only charts a tale of a young woman who gradually awakens to the fact that her dear, departed dad molested her many years ago, but it also takes us on crowd-pleasing side trips that lighten the weight of the heavy main melodrama. — B. Strauss. (R: sexual content, nudity, language, a brief violent image, in Italian with subtitles.) 2 hours. B

"DUCK SEASON": Mexican filmmaker Fernando Eimbcke captures the restlessness and confusion of adolescence in ways both funny and profound. Best friends Flama and Moko have the day mapped out — junk food and video games. But you know what they say about the best-laid plans. This is one of those beautifully observed movies in which not much seems to happen, but in reality, everything does. — G. Whipp. (R: language, some drug content; in Spanish with subtitles.) 1 hour, 25 minutes. B+

"EIGHT BELOW": A sort of "Old Yeller" in the Antarctic about eight intrepid sled dogs left behind when a blizzard cuts off travel, and the mushy musher who resolves he's not going to take that lying down. Paul Walker is Jerry, the guide who takes a merman-hunter into the mountains, where accidents happen and the dogs do their Saint Bernard act. — R. Moore. (PG: some peril, brief mild language.) 2 hours. B

"EVIL": This Swedish film set at an elite boys' school in the mid-1950s illustrates how cruelties exacted in the name of initiation are perpetuated year after year. What happens when a student breaks the code of blind obedience and stands up to the leaders? An aggressive newcomer learns the

OPENING TODAY

"ADAM & STEVE" (NR)
Two gay men who had a disastrous one-night stand meet again and try to strike up a relationship. Chris Kattan and Parker Posey co-star. Opens at the Castro, S.F.

"THE BENCHWARMERS" (PG-13)
Three adults (Rob Schneider, David Spade and Jon Heder) form a baseball team that takes on elementary-school bullies.

"BRICK" (R)
A teenage girlfriend vanishes in this stylized film noir, set in a Southern California high school and neighborhood. Joseph Gordon-Levitt ("Mysterious Skin") stars in this Sundance favorite.

"THE DEVIL AND DANIEL JOHNSTON" (PG-13)
This documentary peers into the life of a manic-depressive singer/songwriter and artist.

"FRIENDS WITH MONEY" (R)
Catherine Keener, Frances McDormand and Joan Cusack play the Los Angeles friends with cash and Jennifer Aniston plays the one without in this comic drama from Nicole Holofcener.

"L'ENFANT" (R)
A desperate and poor 20-year-old Belgian man sells his baby on the black market, and then tries to undo the deed.

"LUCKY NUMBER SLEVIN" (R)
A case of mistaken identity lands a man (Josh Hartnett) in the middle of a war between two mobsters. Bruce Willis, Morgan Freeman and Ben Kingsley co-star.

"PHAT GIRLZ" (PG-13)
In this comedy, Mo'Nique plays a

fashion designer out to challenge the way people view plus-size women. Eric Roberts co-stars.

"SIRI NO SIRI" (NR)
The underground GI movement to end the Vietnam War is the focus of this documentary, parts of which are set in San Francisco.

"TAKE THE LEAD" (PG-13)
Antonio Banderas plays a ballroom dancer who volunteers at a New York school and collaborates with students on a new style of dance. Based on a true story.

"TIBET: A BUDDHIST TRILOGY" (NR)
Unseen for more than 20 years, this 1979 film in three parts has been remastered and features the Dalai Lama and looks at the inner world of the monastic life, among other things.

Coming soon

"SCARY MOVIE 4" (PG-13): The gang is back with spoofs of "Million Dollar Baby," "Saw" and "The Grudge" to name a few. "Airplane" director David Zucker is back on board, too. (April 14).

"AMERICAN DREAMZ" (PG-13): In this satire, the president (Dennis Quaid) becomes a guest-judge on the hottest talent show on television, "American Dreamz." (April 21)

"AKEELAH AND THE BEE" (PG): An 11-year-old girl from Los Angeles enters a spelling bee, despite the objections of her mother (Angela Bassett). She goes on to the national competition. (April 28)

consequences of defiance the hard way. — S. Holden. (NR: In Swedish, with English subtitles.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. C

"FAILURE TO LAUNCH": Misguided enough to think we want to see Terry Bradshaw's saggy family. We'd much rather see the well-toned rears of attractive leads Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew McConaughey. A zigzagging comedy about a dihard bachelor still living at home (McConaughey) and the woman hired to woo him away. The supporting characters, including Kathy Bates and Zoey Deschanel, steal the show. — R. Myers. (PG-13: sexual content, partial nudity, language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. C

"FINAL DESTINATION 3": When a class outing ends in a roller-coaster tragedy, the lucky few who ditched the ride at the last moment discover they're not so lucky after all — they're scheduled for extermination anyway. Two scramble to find clues to their friends' impending doom in photos taken at the amusement park. — C. Covert. (R: strong horror violence/gore, language, some nudity.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. C+

"FIND ME GUILTY": It looks like a courtroom drama, but this movie is really an oddball comedy. Based on the true story of Jackie DiNorscio (Vin Diesel), a New Jersey gangster who figures he could do as well as his expensive but unsuccessful lawyers. In defending himself against conspiracy charges, he overlooks points of law (which he knows nothing about) and uses humor to distract the jury. — C. Hewitt. (R: strong language, some violence.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. C+

"FIREWALL": Harrison Ford returns to his frantic roots as a bank security expert whose family is held hostage by captors resembling members of a boy band. Both Virginia Madsen as his wife and Paul Bettany as the chief of the baddies are wasted in this fee-

"GOOD NIGHT, GOOD LUCK": George Clooney directed, wrote and co-stars in this sharp black-and-white film about veteran newsmen Edward R. Murrow's tangle with anti-Communist fanatic Joseph McCarthy (wisely depicted in archival footage). The film both educates and entertains, reminding us of an important episode in history that resonates today. — R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements, brief language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. A

"THE HILLS HAVE EYES": Repulsive as this film is, it's also suspenseful and has something serious on its mind: long-term, irreversible effects of bad government decisions. In this case, nuclear testing that resulted in a bunch of mutated, cannibalistic humans who feast on a family that pulls into their deserted corner of the desert. — C. Hewitt. (R: gruesome violence, strong language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. B

"ICE AGE: THE MELTDOWN": Three furry friends — Manny the mammoth, Sid the sloth and Diego the saber-toothed tiger — head out on a journey to find an ark as an ice dam surrounding their village threatens to

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday April 7

Alameda County
Albany Twin
1115 Solano Ave., Albany 510-464-5980
•Friends With Money (R) 12:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35
•Tsoai (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25.

AMC Bay Street 16 *
5614 Shattuck St., Emeryville 510-457-4262
•Aquamarine (PG) 12:25, 2:50, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10
•The Benchwarmers (PG-13) 12:10, 1:10, 2:20, 3:30, 4:40, 5:55, 6:45, 7:45, 8:55, 9:55, 11
•Brokeback Mountain (R) 2:25, 8:05
•Failure to Launch (PG-13) 12:15, 1:15, 2:35, 3:35, 4:50, 5:55, 7:30, 8:15, 10:05, 10:55
•Firewall (PG-13) 12, 5:25, 10:45
•Inside Man (R) 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:20, 6:20, 7:20, 9:15, 10:15
•Madsen's Family Reunion (PG-13) 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
•Match Point (R) 1:20, 4:05, 6:55, 10
•Phat Girlz (PG-13) 12:35, 2:55, 5:20, 8:10, 10:40
•The Shaggy Dog (PG) 12:40, 3, 5:40, 7:55, 10:20
•Take the Lead (PG-13) 1, 2:10, 3:40, 5, 7, 8, 9:40, 10:55
•V for Vendetta (R) 12:20, 1:45, 3:10, 4:40, 6:30, 7:35, 9:25, 10:30.

California Theatre
2113 Klamath St., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•Lucky Number Slevin (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30
•Thank You for Smoking (R) 12:45, 1:30, 3, 4, 5:15, 6:15, 7:30, 8:30, 9:40.

Chabot Space & Science Center *
1000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
•Forces of Nature (Not Rated) 8
•The Living Sea (Not Rated) 7
•Solarmax (Not Rated) 6.

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
•Basic Instinct 2 (R) 7, 9:15
•Crash (R) 4:25, 9:20
•I Am a Sex Addict (Not Rated) 5:40, 7:30, 9:30
•The Shaggy Dog (PG) 5
•Syriana (R) 6:30.

Renaissance Grand Lake Theatre
3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 12, 1, 2:15, 3, 4:30, 7, 9
•Inside Man (R) 12:45, 4, 7:25, 10
•Siri No Siri (Not Rated) 5:45, 7:45, 9:30
•V for Vendetta (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:10, 9:40.

Oaks Theatre *
1075 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
•Don't Come Knocking (R) 5
•Mrs. Henderson Presents (R) 2:30, 5:15
•Slither (R) 7:45
•Sophie Scholl - The Final Days (Not Rated) 2:15, 7:30.

Parkway Speakeasy Theatre
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
•Brokeback Mountain (R) 6:15
•Dave Chappelle's Block Party (R) 9:15
•Find Me Guilty (R) 7
•Transamerica (R) 9:45.

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-464-5980
•Friends With Money (R) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 9:45
•Thank You for Smoking (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
•Tsoai (R) 12, 2:15, 4:40, 6:45, 9.

Regal Jack London *
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
•ATL (PG-13) 2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:40, 11:50
•Basic Instinct 2 (R) 2:30, 7:45
•The Benchwarmers (PG-13) 12:40, 3, 5:20, 7:40, 10
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 12, 2:30, 4:50, 7:15, 9:30
•Inside Man (R) 12:45, 4:20, 7:20, 10:20
•Lucky Number Slevin (R) 12:30, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:30
•Phat Girlz (PG-13) 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:30, 10:15
•Slither (R) 11:45, 2, 4:15, 6:50, 10:10
•Stay Alive (PG-13) 12:10, 1:15, 10:20
•Take the Lead (PG-13) 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:50, 10:30.

Shattuck Cinemas *
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-464-5980
•ATL (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55
•The Benchwarmers (PG-13) 12:50, 2:55, 4:55, 7:10, 9:15
•Brokeback Mountain (R) 1:30, 6:55
•Capote (R) 4:05, 9:05
•The Devil and Daniel Johnston (PG-13) 2:10, 4:35, 7:05, 9:30
•Inside Man (R) 3:50, 1, 7, 9:45
•Joyeux Noel (PG-13) 2:50, 5:10, 8:15
•L'Enfant (R) 2:05, 4:25, 7:25, 9:50
•Lonesome Jim (R) 4:45, 10
•Take the Lead (PG-13) 2, 4:40, 7:15, 9:40
•Tibet: A Buddhist Trilogy (NR) 2:15, 5, 8
•Transamerica (R) 1:45, 6:40.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-486-1852
•Failure to Launch (PG-13) 12, 2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:30
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 12, 1, 2:15, 3:15, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 7:45, 9:15, 10
•Phat Girlz (PG-13) 1, 3:20, 5:50, 8:10, 10:30
•She's the Man (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:55
•V for Vendetta (R) 12:45, 1:15, 3:45, 4:15, 6:45, 7:15, 9:45, 10:15.

United Artists Emery Bay *
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107
•ATL (PG-13) 11:35, 12:15, 2, 2:45, 4:20, 5:15, 7, 7:45, 9:30, 10:15
•Basic Instinct 2 (R) 11:40, 2:15, 4:50, 7:25, 10:05
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 11:30, 12, 12:45, 1:50, 2:20, 3:30, 4:10, 4:40, 5:45, 6:45, 7:15, 8, 9, 9:45, 10:20
•Lucky Number Slevin (R) 11:50, 2:40, 5:20, 8, 10:30
•She's the Man (PG-13) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
•Slither (R) 12:30, 3:10, 5:30, 7:50, 10:25
•Thank You for Smoking (R) 11:45, 2:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:40.

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre *
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 12, 2:15, 4:30, 7, 9:15
•Thank You for Smoking (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35.

•V for Vendetta (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:20.
Rheem All Stadium *
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
•Basic Instinct 2 (R) 12, 5:15, 9:45
•The Benchwarmers (PG-13) 11:55, 2:25, 5:10, 7:30, 9:55
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 5, 7:40, 9:50
•Take the Lead (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 5:05, 7:35, 10
•V for Vendetta (R) 2:35, 7:45.

West Contra Costa
Century 16 Hilltop *
3200 Klose Way, Richmond 510-758-2345
•ATL (PG-13) 11:50, 12:15, 2:20, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55
•Basic Instinct 2 (R) 7:50, 10:25
•The Benchwarmers (PG-13) 11:30, 12:40, 1:40, 2:45, 3:50, 5, 6, 7:10, 8:10, 9:20, 10:20
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 12, 12:35, 1:10, 1:45, 2:25, 3, 3:35, 4:10, 4:50, 5:25, 6:15, 6:45, 7:15, 8:40, 9:10, 9:40
•Inside Man (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 10:10
•Lucky Number Slevin (R) 11:55, 2:30, 5:05, 7:45, 10:15
•Phat Girlz (PG-13) 11:35, 12:30, 2, 3:05, 4:30, 5:30, 7, 8, 9:30, 10:30
•The Shaggy Dog (PG) 12:15, 2:50
•She's the Man (PG-13) 11:25, 1:50, 4:20, 6:50, 9:25
•Slither (R) 2:55, 5:15, 7:30, 9:50
•Stay Alive (PG-13) 5:20, 7:40, 9:45
•Take the Lead (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 10
•V for Vendetta (R) 1:05, 4:05, 7:10, 10:05.

San Francisco
AMC Van Ness 14 *
1000 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•ATL (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:30, 10
•Basic Instinct 2 (R) 2:15, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
•The Benchwarmers (PG-13) 12:45, 3, 5:20, 7:45, 10
•Failure to Launch (PG-13) 12:15, 2:45, 5:10, 7:25, 10:05
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 1:15, 1:50, 3:30, 4:30, 6, 7, 8:20, 9:30, 10:30
•Inside Man (R) 1, 2:05, 4:05, 5:05, 7:05, 8:05, 10:15, 11
•Lucky Number Slevin (R) 12, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:45
•Phat Girlz (PG-13) 2, 4:45, 7:20, 9:50
•She's the Man (PG-13) 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:45
•Slither (R) 12:05, 2:25, 4:40, 7:10, 9:35
•Take the Lead (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:15, 10:10
•V for Vendetta (R) 1:45, 5, 8:05, 11.

AMC Kabuki 8
1881 Post Street, San Francisco 415-922-4262
•The Benchwarmers (PG-13) 12:05, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 9:55
•Failure to Launch (PG-13) 1:05, 3:25, 5:45, 8:10, 10:30
•Ice Age: The Meltdown (PG) 12, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10
•Inside Man (R) 1, 4, 7:20, 10:20
•Phat Girlz (PG-13) 12:20, 3, 5:30, 8, 10:40
•Slither (R) 12:15, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:10
•Take the Lead (PG-13) 1:15, 4:15, 7:10, 10:15
•V for Vendetta (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 10:05.

Bridge Theatre *
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Brokeback Mountain (R) 1, 4, 7, 10.

Castro Theatre *
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
•Adam & Steve (Not Rated) 7, 9:15.

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Harold and Maude (PG-13)
•Tsoai (R) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20.

Embarcadero Center Cinemas *
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Brick (R) 1, 4:20, 7:20, 10
•Friends With Money (R) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
•L'Enfant (R) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:05, 9:20
•Thank You for Smoking (R) 12:10, 1:10, 2:30, 3:30, 5, 6, 7:30, 8:30, 9:50.

Lumiere Theatre *
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
•The Devil and Daniel Johnston (PG-13) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25
•Lonesome Jim (R) 2:30, 5, 7:30, 9:45
•Transamerica (R) 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:35.

Opera Plaza Cinema *
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
•Capote (R) 8:15
•Don't Come Knocking (R) 2:45, 5:30, 8:30
•Evil (Not Rated) 2:30, 5:15
•Summer Storm (R) 2, 4:30, 7, 9:25
•Tibet: A Buddhist Trilogy (NR) 2:15, 5, 8.

The Red Vic Theatre *
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
•Siri No Siri (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15.

The Roxie Theatre *
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
•Fingers (R) 9
•Harvard Man (R) 7
•When Will I Be Loved (R) 10:30.

AMC Loews Metreon 15 *
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6201
•ATL (PG-13) 11:45, 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15
•Basic Instinct 2 (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:45,



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Home Style Mexican Cooking



APPETIZERS

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Grilled steak, rice, beans and fresh salsa...\$4.75

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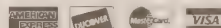
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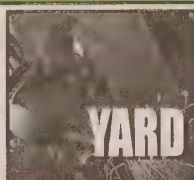
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Lead' trips, doesn't fall

Despite missteps, dance is fun and energetic

By Randy Myers
STAFF WRITER

oss "Dancing With the Stars" with Michelle Pfeiffer's "Gorgeous Minds," and you up with the frothy, paint-numbers dance picture "Take the Lead."

After yet, toss into the mix "Lean on Me," "Dirty Harry," "Fame" and especially the documentary "Mad Hot Ballroom," and you'll get an even better idea of what "Lead" is like. It's the same inspirational story as this Antonio Banderas test does.

What "Lead" lacks in originality it makes up for in high-energy fun. And one thing is certain: "Lead" knows how to get its on. This fictionalized account of ballroom dancer Pierre Dulaime tangoing his way into New York schools and teaching classic dance steps winds up as a superficial yet fun.

Everything about "Lead" is awfully familiar, and that you feeling is merited. Dulaime's story helped inspire "Mad Hot Ballroom," a big-hearted dance that is much more moving and entertaining than this big-budget product.

"Lead" is not entirely meant as a crowd-pleaser; it's a reality and reality often trips "Lead." In the end, this peppy dance doesn't know which way to swing. At moments, it tries to be a hard-hitting drama about transforming the lives of inner-city youth, and at other times it's a Cinderella-like fable about a ballroom competition magically transforming into a top free-for-all.

"Lead" shouldn't be trying so hard to be both ways. It's a surrender to its own due to the likable young dancers and a sizzling performance by Banderas.

"Lead" is a role that plays on all



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SHALL WE DANCE? Pierre Dulaime (Antonio Banderas) teaches ballroom dancing to inner-city kids in "Take the Lead." Katya Virshiles dances the tango with him.

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Take the Lead"

■ **STARRING:** Antonio Banderas, Rob Brown, Yaya DaCosta, Alfre Woodard

■ **RATING:** PG-13 (thematic material, language and some violence)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 48 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters

■ **GRADE:** B-

of Banderas' strengths, especially his intense passion and sexiness. As the dapper Dulaime, Banderas tears up the floor, especially in one red-hot tango number that will leave you begging for seconds and, unfortunately, going without.

Dulaime is such a swoon-worthy gentleman that he even turns a tough-talking high school prin-

cipal (played with gusto by Alfre Woodard) into putty. Too bad Dulaime's reasons for teaching hard-luck detention students ballroom dance techniques for free are never fully developed. Other elements in his personal life, including the death of his wife, are glaringly glossed over by screenwriter Dianne Houston.

At first, Dulaime is seen as a joke by principal Augustine James (Woodard). She doubts he'll last one day. But Dulaime takes his job seriously and arrives to supervise class, conveniently located in the school basement, dressed in an impeccably tailored suit and a bearing a handful of Gershwin music. He's branded a freak, but we all know the tough kids will warm to him. Eventually even the most suspicious students, including the street-weary Rob (a macho yet sensitive Rob Brown of "Finding Forrester") and the sass-talking

LaRhetta (striking newcomer Yaya DaCosta) become enlightened by this Yoda who fox-trots.

The students impart invaluable lessons to Dulaime in the process, while the rich and the poor students learn to appreciate each other. First-feature director Liz Friedlander ends it all in a huge dance competition that borders on the incredible. And so what? By then, we're so taken by these characters and want them to succeed that we can almost overlook it when a small-framed man gives a tall, broad-shouldered guy his jacket to wear, and it fits him to a T.

Anything can and does happen in "Take the Lead," and that ultimately proves to be both a good and a bad thing.

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ine 'Friends' firmly rooted in the familiar

By Randy Myers
STAFF WRITER

Maybe Jennifer Aniston should just give it up. Abandon those dreams of becoming next Julia Roberts and just with what she does best — a one bright light in a watt ensemble cast.

Even the likable actress' unbreakable post-"Friends" bid for stardom, it might not be a idea. Aniston's sojourn into movies shows desperate of being in need of a career reseller, especially given her like the silly "Derailed" the not-silly-enough "Rumor

... give more credence to the that dear Jen should be best star, not the star in a movie. It's the witty and poignant "Friends With Money." The low-key, independent feature from writer and director Nicole Holofcener ("Walking and Talking" "Lovely and Amazing"), is quite the fuss at this year's Venice Film Festival, mainly because a Brad-less Jen popped into Utah to cavort with her co-stars. Not so surprisingly, the "Friends" were whitened in the frenzied light-bulb of the paparazzi.

That's a shame really, since "Friends With Money" is such an understated jewel; observant and passionate in its depiction of life is like for its strong-willed female characters. The friends assembled here approximate real women who are living with real contemporary issues. All of it rings true.

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REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** "Friends With Money"

■ **STARRING:** Catherine Keener, Jennifer Aniston, Frances McDormand, Joan Cusack, Simon McBurney, Scott Caan

■ **RATING:** R (language, some sexual content and brief drug use)

■ **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 28 minutes

■ **WHERE:** Opens today at the CineArts, Pleasant Hill; the Piedmont, the Albany, the Embarcadero, S.F., and the Empire 3, S.F.

■ **GRADE:** A-

tended in the best of ways — "Friends" presents Aniston with one of her meatiest roles yet, that of a pot-smoking Southern California cleaning woman — and former teacher — named Olivia. The aimless Olivia is the friend of three wealthy female pals, played with concertlike smoothness by a dream cast of actresses — Frances McDormand, Catherine Keener and Joan Cusack. Olivia is the friend the others fret the most often about, given her history of choosing bad men, including one married ex she still phones late at night, and a tendency to borrow money and steal small stuff.

Olivia is a beautifully written character in a movie where beautifully written roles abound. Sad to say, you usually don't see the lives of women portrayed so well as this on the big screen.

While Olivia is the character dealing with the most visible

problems, her other friends are grappling with their own troubles: a filthy rich Franny (Cusack) doesn't know which charity she and her dotting husband (Greg Germann) should donate to; Jane (McDormand) explodes into fits of suburban anger and finds her adoring metrosexual husband (Simon McBurney) the topic of gay speculation; and Christine (Keener) fights constantly with her husband and screenwriting partner (Jason Isaacs) as they add on another level to their house, with the foundation of their marriage crumbling.

Aniston's presence in "Friends" will only heighten interest in the film, but the other actresses, and their partners, deserve equal attention, if not more.

Chief among them is McDormand as the successful clothing designer Jane. The versatile actress taps unerringly into the roiling rage and depression of a woman struggling with midlife issues. When Jane inappropriately unleashes her fury — often in public suburban places — it is weighed down with sadness and sarcasm. It's a complex part calling for McDormand to be both bitter and sympathetic, and she does an amazing emotional tight wire act.

Everyone in the cast is right on target. Once again, Keener can flash a loaded glance that conveys what it takes most actresses 90 minutes to do. And the under-adjusted and wealthy character human, especially in one hilarious tirade about the rules

of giving to charity that is as telling as it is tart.

Although the male characters are relegated to the sidelines, they're sharply written and leave lasting impressions. The slightly effeminate McBurney ("The Manchurian Candidate" remake) makes the role of the husband everyone assumes is gay anything but a stereotype. He not only soothes his wife's frayed nerves, but remains strong during her angriest moments.

Even more of a revelation is Scott Caan ("Into the Blue"), so believable as a selfish physical trainer who goes out on a blind date with Olivia and then job-shadows her for his own gain. He's both cocky and charismatic.

All these actors shine because they are given compelling, multidimensional roles to play. Credit Holofcener, who continues a winning streak of female-focused features and once again shows a knack for creating characters who strike us as familiar.

Most likely Aniston, Keener, McDormand and Cusack will receive the greatest raves for their work, but it's truly Holofcener who made it all happen. Now, after three wonderful films, it's high time someone pulls back the curtain and give this enormously talented filmmaker the recognition she so richly deserves.

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Last fall, another gala was added to accommodate increasing demand for the event. The galas are hosted by Times/Hills Book Club founder Lynn Carey.

The gala, which always sells out quickly, features authors reading from their works (or just talking), followed by a group discussion moderated by Carey. The upcoming authors are: ■ Nick Arvin, whose "Articles of War" was the most recently featured Times/Hills Book Club selection. The searing tale of a young farm boy's grim experiences in France at the end of World War II has been compared with classic war stories such as "Red Badge of Courage." Arvin lives in Denver.

■ Mark Allen Cunningham, whose "The Green Age of Asher Withrow" takes place in the mid-19th century in a coal-mining town in what is now part of Antioch. This gritty historical fiction lends insight into how some of Contra Costa's early residents lived. Cunningham grew up in Pleasant Hill but now lives in Portland, Ore.

■ Dave King's first novel, "The Ha Ha," our current club selection, features a Vietnam vet who, 30 years after a devastating injury incurred in his first month of duty, finds his life turned upside down when he becomes the temporary guardian of a 9-year-

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old boy. It's witty and poignant, with unforgettable characters. King lives in Brooklyn.

■ Elinor Lipman's new novel is the warm and amusing "My Latest Grievance." Her much-loved previous novels include "The Inn at Lake Devine," "The Pursuit of Alice Thrift," "The Ladies' Man" and "Dearly Departed." Lipman splits her time between Manhattan and Northampton, Mass.

■ Returning to give opening comments is Oakland's Joshua Braff, who was featured at the spring 2005 gala. His "Unthinkable Thoughts of Jacob Green" came out in 2004, and his next novel is expected to be published next year.

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Should you rent it? Yes — A decent action/adventure DVD.

JUNEBUG

Everybody in this quirky DVD, about a prodigal son visiting his rural southern family, is a bit off. We're supposed to find them endearing, but they mostly just grated on my nerves. (Amy Adams is the lone exception, and her performance as an insecure mother-to-be is excellent.) The film is a smorgasbord of stereotypes about Southerners: dumb, monosyllabic, car-loving/wife-hating, racist, emotionally remote, nicotine-addicted, and culinarily challenged. All of this without one good car chase or wet T-shirt contest scene. My wife disagrees with my uncharitable assessment, and found the film interesting and the character development rich. Rent it yourself and let me know which one of us is right. (R: sexual content and language.) 1 hour and 46 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 2 stars

Kids: N/A star

Teens: 2 stars

Adults: 2 stars

Seniors: 1½ stars

Should you rent it? No — slow Southern snoozer.

CHICKEN LITTLE

A cute Disney cartoon, "Chicken" is perfect for a rainy weekend family movie. While not particularly memorable, you and your kids will still be entertained by the "sky is falling — no wait — it's an alien invasion" plot. Zack Braff and Gary Marshall do superb jobs of voicing the undersized middle school hero and his larger-than-life father. I even found the obligatory life lesson embedded in the film endearing — that parents should have faith in, and be proud of, their kids. My kindergarten son thoroughly enjoyed this film, and went so far as to have a "Chicken Little"-themed birthday party. The mildly crude potty humor will crack up your kids, even if it leaves you nonplused. The "War of the Worlds"-type scenes may prove a bit too harrowing for kids under 6. (G.) 1 hour and 21 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):

Overall: 3 stars

Kids: 3½ stars

Teens: 1½ stars

Adults: 2½ stars

Seniors: 2½ stars

Should you rent it? Yes — An entertaining family film.

J.B. Alderman lives in Piedmont and can be reached via www.PhDVD.com.

Sail the Bay on a sunny afternoon

Why it's cool: A breezy day, full sails and the sea at your feet — could there be anything finer? If you don't own your own yacht or don't have friends who do, this is the best cheap date in town. The Cal Sailing Club offers its members Lido races, sailing cruises, and sail and windsurfing lessons. But once a month, the club welcomes newbies to the pier for an "open house" celebration. A seasoned sailor will take you and your family for a spin out on the Bay. Wear warm, waterproof clothing and bring an extra change of clothes in case you get splashed. (This is a good-weather outing. If it's raining, no one sails.)

What kids like: This is a great outing for families with teens or adventuresome older kids. They'll love the smell of the sea, the sounds of water and wind, and the thrill of the boat tipping slightly as the sails fill in a stiff breeze. It's an adrenaline rush. But if your child is under 5, apprehensive or prone to seasickness, you'll all be happier waving from shore. (See the ideas in "Afterwards" if you need an impromptu alternative.)

What parents like: It's thrilling when the wind picks up, blissfully quiet when the Bay turns placid. Heck, it's sheer romance — and it's all free.

Afterwards: Teens will enjoy the eclectic Telegraph Avenue scene a few miles away, but the younger set may prefer the Berkeley Marina Playground, a vibrant, funky expanse where kids can play and get dirty.

From April to October, the sailboat rides are followed by a big potluck barbecue. Bring your own or toss \$5 (per person) in the pot, and join in the merriment.

The quirky Sea Breeze Market and Deli — and espresso bar — that you passed on your way into the marina is open all year long.

Getting there: There's no street number for the Cal Sailing Club, but getting there is fairly straightforward. Head down University Avenue toward the Berkeley Marina. Just past the Sea Breeze Market, turn left at the T-intersection and look for the gravel parking lot on the left. The Cal Sailing Club is housed in the greenish buildings. Or take AC Transit bus #9, which runs every half-hour from Berkeley BART to the Marina.

— Jackie Burrell, staff writer

THE BASICS

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley Marina at the end of University Avenue.

■ **HOURS:** 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, May 14 and 28, weather permitting. See Web site for full list of sailing dates.

■ **TICKETS:** Free. First-come, first-served. Families are welcome, but children must be 5 or older and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

■ **CONTACT:** www.calsailing.org.



GREGORY URB

FREE AND BREEZY: Don't own your own yacht? No problem: You can sail the waters of the Berkeley Marina for during one of the Cal Sailing Club's monthly open house events.

Oakland's exhibition puts a face on disaster

By Robert Taylor

STAFF WRITER

The Oakland Museum of California really gets its arms around all this earthquake commemoration hubbub with a wide-ranging but dramatically focused exhibit. It fills the exhibition space with more than 250 artifacts to accomplish just what the title suggests: "Aftershock! Voices from the 1906 Earthquake and Fire."

This is far more than another display of old photographs showing San Francisco in flames or in ruins — although those images are fascinating, enlarged so the smallest detail can be studied, or projected in a narrated slide show. "Aftershock!" is about the people who survived. There's a vivid picture of the grandeur they left behind, the horror as they escaped the ruins, tent cities they called home for months, the relief effort centered in Oakland, and the rebuilding of San Francisco.

There are large-scale, can't-miss exhibits: an original 12-by-14-foot refugee tent; a "shake table" where visitors can experience a simulated earthquake in the setting of a recreated Victorian room.

There are even more artifacts that offer a rewarding, intimate glimpse into life a century ago. Among them are a stack of ceramic spoons from San Francisco's Chinatown, fused together in the inferno, unused streetcar transfers from April 18, 1906, the day of the earthquake, and San Francisco mayor Eugene Schmitz's "shoot to kill" order to combat looting.

Curator Aimee Klasko told a preview audience that the exhibit was conceived to explore the untold stories of the disaster survivors.

Those stories are featured in photographs, diaries and collections of personal artifacts, from postcards to a Japanese teapot. Among the historic figures are Lew Hing, who turned his Oak-

EXHIBIT

■ **WHAT:** "Aftershock! Voices from the 1906 Earthquake and Fire"

■ **WHERE:** Oakland Museum of California, 10th and Oak Streets, Oakland

■ **WHEN:** Through Aug. 13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, noon-5 p.m. Sundays, open until 9 p.m. first Friday of the month

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$5-\$8, free for children 5 and younger

■ **CONTACT:** 510-238-2200, www.museumca.org

land cannery into a center for Chinese refugees, and African-American barber Henry Johnson, who fled to Oakland with his wife, Amy, but returned to San Francisco to continue cutting hair. Their descendants took part in events marking the opening of the exhibit this week.

The notes, newspaper stories and recollections from the period are sometimes melodramatic, sometimes matter-of-fact, sometimes heartbreaking.

"I was only 3 years and 9 months old, but I can remember everything," recalled Flora Meyer Allen, who lived past 100. "Mostly, I remember the color of the sky. It was so red. My older brother lifted me up to the window and said, 'See, that is why the sky is so red. San Francisco is on fire.'"

In the East Bay later that day, a woman named Esther Noffsinger wrote hurriedly on the blank pages of a book: "San Francisco is in flames and all communications by wire is cut off but crowds of S.F. people throng the streets of Oakland penniless with only clothes on their backs."

Eventually Oakland, a city of 67,000 at the time, would deal with more than 200,000 refugees.

A companion exhibit in the museum's history department,



OAKLAND MUSEUM

WITH THEIR HOMES destroyed, many victims of the 1906 earthquake had to prepare meals on the

"Oakland to the Rescue!" depicts the relief effort — and the wary reaction of some people who feared the influx. In a newspaper story running just days after the earthquake and fire, the Oakland Real Estate Association "emphatically protests" any expansion of Chinatown as "a menace to the property of our city."

The exhibit begins by depicting San Francisco before the earthquake, with a motion picture showing a ride down Market Street. But it also points to the quake's effect elsewhere in Northern California.

There are snapshots from Oakland, where six people died, and horrifying photographs from what was then called Agnews Insane Asylum, where more than 100 people were killed when buildings collapsed.

Also displayed is the official reading of the earthquake recorded at Chabot Observatory in Oakland — not a long, jagged line, but a tangled mass that looks like a ball of twine exploding.

The "rebirth" portion of the exhibit includes souvenirs from the forgotten Portola Festival, celebrating the Spanish explorer a mere three years after the disaster, and artifacts from the 1915 Panama-Pacific International Exposition — such as the silver-bladed shovel President Taft used for the groundbreaking.

"Aftershock!" edges toward the present day with photographs and artifacts from the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake. But there are many points in the exhibit where visitors can imagine themselves dealing with disaster — such as living with their families in a tent

in Golden Gate Park months.

One of the most poignant items has an open-ended card printed and mailed by the staff of the Sacramento Bee. We don't know who sent it, or whether it was received, but here is the text:

"From inquiring friends who have received your card among the missing since the disaster of April 18. If it reaches you, will you please reply on the card and mail it, in order to may relieve the anxiety from whom the inquiry. No stamp is required."

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Section D

The Nissan Titan Crew Cab is a big and roomy full-size truck

BY TOM KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

Shopping for an upscale full-size pickup truck that comfortably seats five? The Nissan Titan could be just what you're looking for.

I'm referring to the Crew Cab model. The Titan is also available as a King Cab, which seat is available for those who want six-passenger accommodation. The truck is available in three models — SE, LE and LE with the choice of 2WD or 4WD. My tester was the 4WD SE model, and the ride and handling were similar to a full-size luxurious sport utility vehicle, except the Crew Cab had a bed with adjustable aluminum-alloy tie-downs and available accessory rack, trays, bins and modular storage systems.

The Titan wasn't short on power, either. Under the hood was a 5.6-liter DOHC engine that produced 305 horsepower and 379-pounds-foot of torque. It was capable of towing 9,500 pounds. Considering this power, the 14 miles per gallon and 18 mpg highway was acceptable. My tester had a five-speed automatic transmission that could easily adapt to manual mode, plus a shift-on-the-fly system.

The Titan rode on huge 8-inch by 18-inch alloy wheels. It had chrome bumpers, and the rear bumper had a step-pad to make loading the bed a bit easier. With the gate down, there was a basket to keep things in place. The bed liner contained a spray-applied spray to prevent scratch damage and overcome the tendency of the bed to carry 4x8-foot plywood sheets between the wheel housing.

This truck comes with a long list of features including available front seat impact curtain supplemental airbags. According to the manufacturer, help with side impact and rollover protection for the outboard passengers. I'm also the Titan includes an Advanced Airbag system with dual front supplemental airbags with seat belt sensors and a front impact classification sensor. It also has body construction with front and rear impact zones.



MOTOR MATTERS



THE TITAN IS AN attractive truck containing many upscale features.



OPTIONAL tow mirrors.

KEANE ON WHEELS

Although it's a hike to get up into the driver's seat, the surroundings are very comfortable and convenient. Not only did it have air conditioning, it also had a cabin microfilter system. An eight-speaker, six-disc in-dash CD changer is standard for the SE model, but since my tester had the option of Sirius Satellite radio, I had a subwoofer, rear sonar system, plus audio controls on the steering wheel.

Those seated in the three rear seats had the option of a DVD mobile theater system with a 7-inch color monitor and wireless headphones.

I sat in a huge captain chair that not only had a power-adjustable seat but, once configured, it could be set into memory. But in an upscale truck like this, luxury features are expected. One thing I didn't expect was the back glass to have a defroster

NISSAN TITAN CREW CAB SE

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, four-door, full size 4x4 pickup truck
Suggested Retail	\$31,000
Price As Tested	\$37,440
Engine Type	32-valve DOHC V8
Horsepower	305 @ 4,900 rpm
Torque	379 @ 3,600 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic w/OD
Wheelbase	140 inches
Height	75 inches
Curb Weight	5,137 pounds
Fuel Capacity	.28 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 14/18

that could be powered up and down. Incidentally, a bench seat with column shifter is available for those who require six-passenger accommodation.

The vehicle has a very solid ride and I felt secure pushing the Titan into hard turns.

In spite of its size, I had little difficulty when it came to parking it. However, in most shopping center parking spaces, the rear end would stick out by a foot or two.

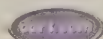
Other interior features are standard flip-up rear seat cushions for added cargo

space with grocery bag hooks at the bottom of the seat cushions. The bottom line is, the Titan is an attractive truck containing many upscale quality features — for those who will to buy it, and it doesn't come cheap. Base price for my tester was \$31,000. With options, the bottom line was \$37,400 — and worth every cent.

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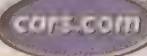
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Source: Auto Channel.



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WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

321 Bryant Av - \$987,000
3329 Cook Ln - \$560,000
2378 Coral Sea St - \$996,000
3308 Fir Av - \$520,000
134 Gainsborough - \$935,000
2361 Halle St - \$863,000
2106 Otis Dr B - \$427,500
456 Pacific Av - \$680,000
2963 Sea View - \$1,450,000
1333 Weber St - \$900,000

ALBANY

909 Carmel Av - \$770,000
419 Evelyn Av 207 - \$360,000
849 Madison St - \$575,000
791 Taft Av B - \$549,000
1052 Ventura Av - \$455,000

BERKELEY

2439 10th St - \$950,000
1332 9th St A - \$605,000
2768 Acton St - \$615,000
1734 Bancroft Wy - \$575,000
2427 Browning St - \$650,000
2417 Byron St - \$637,000
2720 California St - \$745,000
1590 Campus Dr - \$940,000
1618 Cornell Av - \$677,000
1406 Delaware St - \$660,000
1233 Dwight Wy - \$620,000
1423 Kains Av - \$785,000
755 Keeler Av - \$786,000
1208 Rose St - \$850,000
2414 Sacramento - \$470,000
1849 Shattuck 408 - \$250,000
2204 Woolsey St - \$639,000

EL CERRITO

2521 Carquinez - \$870,000
1732 Julian Ct - \$750,000
548 Richmond St - \$575,000
3339 Yosemite Av - \$800,000

EL SOBRANTE

1091 Mitchell Wy - \$507,000
5725 Oliver Ct - \$755,000
5305 Ridgeview B9 - \$285,000
648 Rincon Rd - \$700,000
3944 Wesley Wy - \$485,000

EMERYVILLE

1165 67th St - \$650,000
3 Admiral Dr F259 - \$312,000
4 Anchor Dr F433 - \$363,000
30 Emery Bay Dr - \$369,500
1500 Park Av 313 - \$450,000

KENSINGTON

420 Coventry Rd - \$500,000
238 Lake Dr - \$1,150,000
115 Windsor Av - \$750,000

OAKLAND

1321 103rd Av - \$500,000
1726 103rd Av - \$417,000
2268 103rd Av - \$520,000
1637 12th Av - \$534,000
816 15th St - \$570,000
1074 18th St - \$595,000
963 21st St - \$599,000
3015 22nd Av - \$489,000
1836 25th Av - \$820,000
1730 28th Av - \$462,000
936 37th St - \$533,000
2170 38th Av - \$390,000
390 42nd St - \$500,000
539 47th St - \$615,000
1218 4th Av - \$635,000
1220 4th Av - \$635,000
3021 58th Av - \$400,000
650 61st St - \$705,000
3321 64th Av Pl - \$810,000
2100 65th Av - \$425,000
678 65th St - \$730,000
1204 80th Av - \$420,000
2301 84th Av - \$339,000
1433 88th Av - \$480,000
1632 88th Av - \$415,000
2043 Auson Av - \$465,000
9822 Bernhardt Dr - \$510,000
8008 B'way Tr - \$1,052,000
6125 Broadway - \$858,000
6629 Chelton Dr - \$800,000
2842 Coolidge Av - \$650,000
2531 East 11th St - \$588,000
1942 East 26th St - \$448,000
4520 Fairbairn Av - \$650,000
2586 Foothill O - \$300,000
988 Franklin 406 - \$360,000
801 Franklin St - \$385,000
316 Garnet St - \$660,000

5623 Gaskill St - \$463,500
20 Glenwood Av - \$634,000
3414 Guido St - \$800,000
55 Gypsy Ln - \$1,500,000
5545 Harvey Av - \$427,000
6348 Heather Ridge - \$725,000
6443 Hillegass - \$1,075,000
4135 Howe St - \$702,000
132 Hunter Av - \$325,000
299 Jayne Av - \$745,000
575 Kenmore Av - \$750,000
5656 La Salle Av - \$850,000
320 Lee St 906 - \$361,000
3220 Linden St - \$490,000
3126 Magnolia St - \$565,000
5931 Mazuela Dr - \$1,050,000
2933 McClure St 2 - \$369,000
2860 McKillop Rd - \$200,000
96 Montell St - \$575,000
3069 Monterey Bl - \$625,000
3993 Oak Hill Rd - \$775,000
2841 Octavia St - \$725,000
2435 Palmetto St - \$975,000
5511 Proctor Av - \$871,000
2867 Regatta Dr - \$766,500
2871 Regatta Dr - \$726,000
2875 Regatta Dr - \$842,000
2877 Regatta Dr - \$809,500
3760 Ruby St - \$435,000
3503 San Leandro - \$423,000
6758 Saroni Dr - \$550,000
2542 Scenic Av - \$325,000
3025 School St - \$450,000
5468 Shafter Av - \$815,000
2927 Sheffield Av - \$612,500
8288 Skyline Cr - \$920,000
7122 Snake Rd - \$450,000
9637 Thermal St - \$507,500
2844 Union St - \$445,000
14 Veteran Wy - \$699,000
50 Villanova Dr - \$1,450,000

PIEDMONT

424 El Cerrito - \$1,150,000
124 Ronada - \$830,000

RICHMOND

156 16th St - \$340,000
709 21st St - \$420,000
619 2nd St - \$465,000
2606 B. Head Ct - \$492,500
2532 B. Head Wy - \$465,000
5408 Bosey Ct - \$600,000
5008 Camerena - \$685,000
5437 Columbia - \$514,000
2716 Cutting Bl - \$360,000
1606 Daisy Ct - \$659,000
5032 Escalon Cr - \$642,000
3124 Florida Av - \$500,000
1503 Foxglove Pl - \$640,000
2918 Howard St - \$475,000
2005 Lincoln Av - \$492,000
2830 Loyola Av - \$478,000
2900 McBryde Av - \$488,000
6128 Plymouth Av - \$740,000
5312 Poinsett Av - \$565,000
744 Rock Rose Wy - \$670,000
516 Seaciff Pl - \$878,000
27 Southwind Cr - \$700,000
727 Ventura St - \$525,000
438 Willard Av - \$342,000

SAN LEANDRO

1646 139th Av - \$555,000
1565 168th Av - \$690,000
379 Alvarado St - \$660,000
15656 Atlantis Av - \$760,000
2409 Blackpool Ln - \$320,000
15388 Churchill St - \$512,000
15622 Cranbrook St - \$715,000
1515 Dennis Av - \$620,000
852 Dolores Av - \$700,000
802 Donovan Dr - \$500,000
14519 Elm St - \$250,000
1842 Eveleth Av - \$560,000
923 Halcyon Dr - \$500,000
105 Harlan St - \$689,000
1746 Hays St - \$456,000
14360 Hemlock St - \$550,000
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967 Karol Wy 969 - \$655,000
15002 Kesterson St - \$565,000
690 Lee Av - \$850,000
821 Martin Bl - \$500,000
1047 Mersey Av - \$548,000
459 Nabor St - \$527,500
472 Nabor St - \$565,000
14368 Nassau Rd - \$598,000
16755 Rolando Av - \$575,000
1896 Sundberg Av - \$547,000
14854 Wake Av - \$505,000
2241 Windlass Wy - \$418,000
2035 Windsor Ct - \$550,000

SAN LORENZO

15709 Dermody Av - \$590,000

172 Loma Verde Dr - \$410,000
15556 Vassar Av - \$640,000
17270 Via Alamitos - \$506,500
17253 Via El Cerrito - \$610,000
16137 Via Lupine - \$568,500
835 Via Poudre - \$660,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: \$427,500
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,450,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$900,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$831,850

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$360,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$770,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$549,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$541,800

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 17
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$950,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$650,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$662,000

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$575,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$870,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$800,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$748,750

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$285,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$755,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$507,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$546,400

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$312,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$369,500
AVERAGE PRICE: \$428,900

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$500,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,150,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$750,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$800,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 79
LOWEST PRICE: \$200,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,500,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$588,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$621,108

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$830,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,150,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$990,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 24
LOWEST PRICE: \$340,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$878,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$514,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$547,313

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 30
LOWEST PRICE: \$250,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$850,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$555,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$565,017

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$410,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$590,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$569,286

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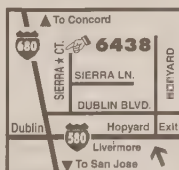
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Cadillac Renaissance: Act II

BY MICHELLE KREBS
MOTOR MATTERS

It is now safe to declare Act I of Cadillac's turnaround story over and successful. Now it is on to Act II of the Cadillac Renaissance.

Through the 1990s, Cadillac suffered from a tarnished image, product failures and plunging sales — including a humiliating loss in 1998 of its longtime luxury-sales crown to cross-town rival Lincoln. Subsequently, Cadillac sales fell below those of Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Lexus.

Cadillac embarked on an aggressive comeback strategy that included new models loaded with technology and dressed in an edgy design. Cadillac adopted an "art and science" theme, after recognizing avant garde styling and innovative technology were hallmarks of its glory days, such as the art of the tailfinned 1959 Eldorado and the science of interchangeable parts.

General Motors backed the plan with \$4 billion in investments for new products. The first being the Escalade, adopted by the hip-hop crowd as its official vehicle. The plan worked. Cadillac sales swelled by 37 percent from 2001 to 2005. Cadillac left Lincoln far in the dust last year, edged out Mercedes and only lags behind Lexus and BMW.

Now comes the next phase. That phase, outlined by John Howell, Cadillac product director, will be even more ambitious than the first. He told reporters recently of Cadillac's new models that it will include more dramatic designs with serious performance, more attention to detail and more elegant product executions and additional entries in growing segments. The goal will be to add Cadillac to consumers' shopping lists alongside Mercedes-Benz, BMW and Audi.

And, so too, comes the second onslaught of new models, starting once again with the 2007 Escalade, currently arriving on the market. The 2007 Escalade ESV — the Suburban-based sport utility — and

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the 2007 Escalade EXT — the sport utility-hybrid combo — will follow the Escalade this summer. All are based on GM's new full-size SUV platform and feature new powertrain, chassis, safety and interior systems. Engines include the 6.2-liter all-aluminum V8 delivering 400-plus horsepower.

In addition, Cadillac has gone to market of late with a pair of new performance V-Series models. In 2003, the CTS was the first Cadillac to add a V-Series version, in the vein of Mercedes' AMG and BMW's M editions. Now Cadillac has added V-Series models to its XLR roadster and STS sedan lines.

The XLR-V marks a milestone for Cadillac — its quickest, most expensive car ever sold and the first Cadillac to hit the six-figure mark. It starts at \$100,000 even.

The XLR-V is outfitted with a 443-horsepower supercharged Northstar V8 engine. In the vein of German-crafted engines, each supercharged Northstar V8 is built by a single craftsman from start-to-finish at GM's Performance Build Center in Wixom, Mich.

The engine is paired with a six-speed automatic transmission. Zero-to-60 mph time is 4.6 seconds. Other components have been beefed up to accommodate the extra power.

The STS-V also uses the same supercharged Northstar V8, though it is rated at 469 horsepower, and is also paired with the six-speed automatic. Both new V-Series models sport the mesh grille and V-Series badges to connote the difference between the standard models.

This fall, Cadillac spruces up the inside of the SRX sport-utility vehicle, hinting at the future direc-

tion of its interiors. Though Cadillac won't add a V-Series to the SRX, it will offer a sport kit that includes special wheels, tires and other exterior appointments. Similar packages will be offered on some Escalade models in the future.

In early 2007, Cadillac will take the wraps off the second-generation CTS, which will be a 2008 model. Cadillac's entry sedan, with its razor-sharp styling, has been a phenomenal success, with increasing sales every year it has been on the market. Typically, sales of a new model drop as it ages.

In the meantime, Cadillac, in its effort to regain its title of Standard of the World, is going after sales outside of the U.S. Overseas sales have almost doubled from 2001; up 73 percent in Europe, 65 percent in Asia-Pacific; and 18 percent in the regions that include the Middle East, Africa and South America.

Cadillac recently introduced the Saab 9-3-based BLS in Europe in an effort to gain sales there with a model that slots beneath its CTS. The BLS, in its current version, will not be sold in the U.S., though Cadillac officials have not ruled out the next-generation BLS for the U.S.

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THE 2007 CADILLAC ESCALADE ESV — the Suburban-based sport utility — will follow the Escalade this summer.

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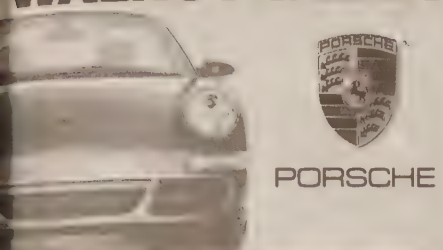
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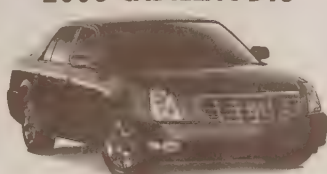
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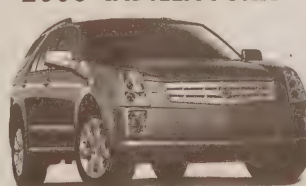


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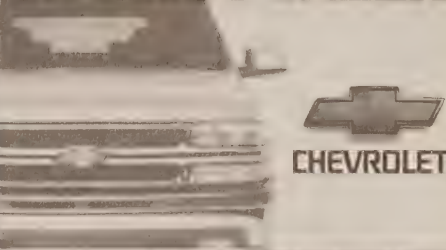
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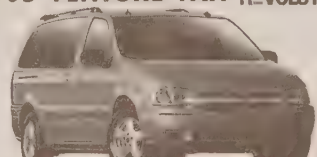
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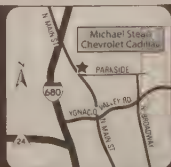
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1951 Studebaker dates back to Eisenhower's era

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

It's not likely, though possible, that President Dwight D. Eisenhower could have seen the 1951 Studebaker model 2R6 half-ton delivery van roaming about the Washington, D.C., area, delivering Tom's Roasted Peanuts at 5 cents a bag.

Originally built as a chassis-only vehicle by Studebaker in their 99th year of business, the vehicle was shipped from the Studebaker factory in South Bend, Ind., to the Boyertown Auto Body Works in Boyertown, Pa. There it was fitted with a van body designated as a "Step-n-Serve" and ultimately delivered to a dealership in Rockville, Md., where it was sold Nov. 5, 1951.

After trundling approximately 350,000 hard miles, the Studebaker was retired, eventually being parked behind a shed in rural Manassas, Va., next to Bull Run near the site of two Civil War battles. The Studebaker was waging its own battle of Bull Run.

Longtime Studebaker aficionado George Hamlin heard of the truck and went to investigate. "The first time I saw this truck, it was sitting in Bull Run," he says. "Not near it, in it. Whenever Bull Run flooded, the truck flooded," he says.

Because there are not many such vehicles left, Hamlin overlooked the fact that it was full of junk, shot full of holes, had no glass in any of the eight windows and — except for the wooden subflooring — everything below the waterline needed renewal, even the rusted springs.

"The miracle was that the owner could be located and had a title," Hamlin recalls in amazement.

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The purchase and title transfer took place in March 1978. Then wheels were brought in to get the 16.5-foot-long relic out of the creek and onto a trailer. Once it was at Hamlin's Clarksville, Md., home, the real work began. All the wheel bearings and the complete brake system needed to be replaced, along with anything made of rubber. The original 245-cubic-inch in-line six-cylinder L-head engine was overhauled so it could once more deliver 102 horsepower.

With an eye to the future when he knew the 4,600-pound gross vehicle weight truck would be on the highway, Hamlin located and installed an overdrive unit to give the three-speed transmission longer legs. The truck stands 8 feet, 9.75 inches high, which permits a stand-up height in the cargo bay of nearly 6 feet. A new set of 6.50x16-inch light truck tires now support the truck on a 112-inch wheelbase.

Nearly the lower two-thirds of the sides are new steel welded into place after all the rusted material was removed. Fortunately, most of the metal that need to be replaced was flat and all of the glass was flat. Originally the truck had been painted silver with black fenders but after all the body work had been completed, Hamlin decided to keep the fenders black and paint the body orange.

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The telephone number for home delivery completes the message.

After photographs of the truck appeared in the Studebaker Drivers Club magazine, Hamlin received a

telephone call from the Des Moines Register asking him to keep them in mind if the truck were ever sold.

The inside of the truck is 99 percent gray with only the glove compartment door and instrument panel painted black. From the single seat in the vehicle, the driver has an unobstructed view of the 100-mph speedometer through the three-spoke steering wheel. Each windshield panel is kept clear by a vacuum-operated wiper.

Protecting the entire front of the truck is a metal grille guard with a Studebaker "S" in the middle. The guard is painted black and made by State Welding Works in New York.

In addition to the overdrive and grille guard installed by Hamlin, the optional extras on the truck include a heater, Class A turn signals and stainless-steel trim rings

on each wheel. Chrome trim the truck comes from the Studebaker built, including hub caps, headlight rings and engine hood ornament.

For your car to become the subject of the Classic Classics column, send a photo (frontal 3/4 view), brief details and phone number. Vern Parker, 2221 Abbottsford Dr., Vienna, VA 22181. Only photos of good quality will be considered.

Broken rear window defroster wire can be repaired

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

Dear Doctor: I own a 2000 Ford Taurus wagon. While washing the car, my husband accidentally broke off one of the rear window defroster wire tabs on the rear window. He used some liquid glue to reattach the wire tab. Now the rear window defroster does not work. Is power getting to the tab that he glued onto the window? — Ronda

Dear Ronda: I see this happen often, especially at full service car washes when the attendants get into the car to clean the rear windows. The problem with the liquid glue is it actually insulates the metal tab from the making a connection with the rear window metal connection. I have used a rear window defogger kit by Permatex, part #09117. The kit sells for about \$10.

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It includes directions and a small metallic piece that will make a good connection between the broken tab and rear window metal contact. I have found it best to tape the tab to the rear window after applying the special glue and waiting until the next day to attach the wire tab to the rear glass tab. Then while holding the tab against the window, remove the tape and gently attach the wire connector to the tab.

Dear Doctor: I own a small repair shop in New York and would like to know where to get monthly updates or newsletters on various automotive topics. — Jerry

Dear Jerry: There are many outlets for automotive-related topics. I

use Identifix.com, Tech Talk (417-866-3917) and Motor Age magazine. You can also check with other shops in your area for monthly magazines they receive.

Dear Doctor: I have read there could be a lot of problems with high ethanol content gasoline in the future. Have you heard of any problems and, if so, what parts will be affected? — Roger

Dear Roger: With any change in fuel, there will always be some issues. The newly reformulated ethanol fuels may cause premature fuel-injector failure to some vehicles. I am not a chemist and can only tell you there are differences in fuel injectors and the fuel system on flex fuel vehicles. You should research any particular concerns online and consult with the oil company and car dealer.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Pontiac Grand Am sedan. When it rains the floor gets wet, front and back. I have tried caulking around the windows. — Russ

Dear Russ: I love when a customer comes into our shop with a complaint of rain water getting into the interior. I have heard it all. We will sometimes take the vehicle to a car wash and/or simply run over the roof slowly without a water nozzle at the end of the hose. We sometimes remove the rugs, seats and door panels. To date, we have never had a vehicle we could not seal. The use of a smoke machine can also be of help. Once the rugs have gotten wet, it is best to pull them out and let them dry, especially the bottom side.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1993 Saab 9-3. The problem is with the high

beams. I have replaced the high beam switch and regular headlight switch. When I switch to the high beams, the lights go out. What could be the problem? — Barbara

Dear Barbara: The first step is to check both sides of all fuses. Second, you will need a wire diagram to follow where and how the power flow travels. You can subscribe to Alldata's do-it-yourself for \$25 a year. Go online to www.alldata.com.

Dear Doctor: I purchased a 2002 Chevy Impala in December of 2001. Starting in September 2002 the car would sometimes need a jump-start as the battery would be dead. The car will be trouble-free for a month to three months at a time. I have replaced the battery twice. The shop has checked the alternator and the electrical system for shorts and found no problems. — Arthur

Dear Arthur: For the battery to drain down overnight or a week, something is drawing power from

the battery. It can be anything: a faulty relay to faulty radio, problem with finding the source, the battery drain is that it does happen often enough to capture an event. I would suggest buying a quality battery jump-pack to the battery when it does go dead. Today's late model vehicles have parasitic current drain and the battery goes dead in a two-to-three week period if the vehicle is started and driven. Part of the problem is that some car owners only drive a short distance at a time. The short drives will run down the battery. Alarm systems also drain the current. The allowable parasitic current drain today is 75 milliamps. Any more than this will kill the battery in a short time. Every manufacturer has their own parasitic current draw specifications. Some vehicles are even equipped with a battery run-down protection.

Send questions to: Auto Doctor, 3 Court Circle, Lakeville, MA 02446.

The 2006 Isuzu i-350 boasts 4WD, gutsy 5-cylinder, roomy interior

BY TIM SPELL
MOTOR MATTERS

There's a well-designed, capable midsize pickup with uplevel features on the market that many consumers don't know about.

It's the 2006 Isuzu i-350 Crew Cab 4x4 — a quiet pickup that makes a loud statement in terms of style and performance. Base priced at \$27,358 for the LS model and \$29,197 for the top-line Limited, the i-350 draws heavily from the General Motors midsize line's based on, but serves up its own brand of distinctiveness. It's perfect for the individualist pickup buyer who needs a quality pickup, but doesn't want to run with the mainstream pack.

The key feature distinguishing the i-350 from its GM cousins is the chrome grin it flashes. Giving fresh character up front is a powerful grille design. Within a trapezoidal cut out

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is a single broad horizontal bar crossed at the ends with vertical bars. Adding to the grille's flair is a chrome surround with wide bands slicing horizontally through the vertical-stacked headlamps.

Along with "ISUZU" badging, large red "4x4" graphics on the sides of the 5-foot-1-inch-long cargo box send messages about this pickup's status. Two-wheel drive isn't an option — both models provide 4x4 traction via a push-button, two-speed, shift-on-the-fly transfer case. An automatic locking rear differential also is standard.

Another powertrain standard is a 3.5-liter inline five-cylinder engine. Delivering 220 horsepower and 225 pounds-foot torque, it

flexes muscle comparable to six-cylinder powerplants.

Teamed with a four-speed automatic and 3.73 axle ratio, the i-350 tows up to 4,000 pounds and has a 1,190-pound payload capacity.

With recommended 87-octane gas in its 19.6-gallon tank, estimated fuel economy is 17 miles per gallon, city, and 22 mpg, highway.

Power is sent to 15-inch cast-aluminum wheels, centered in P265/75R-15 on/off-road tires. As with the grille, the five-spoke wheels offer distinction. The design features a circular, ISUZU-stamped center portion that mimics a gear. If you don't like these wheels, you'll have to resort to aftermarket because they are the sole offering.

There is, however, a sizable list of available accessories. Among the popular accessories are tubular side steps, \$477.13; bedliner, \$278.57;

bed extender, \$222.72; bed-rail protectors, \$129.67; folding bed cover, \$732.52; bed web net, \$46.52; hitch ball, \$23.74; and hitch-mounted bike carrier, \$273.64. Spending \$24.74 for an ashtray package spares the roomy interior from being branded by a cigarette.

Both LS and Limited models are outfitted with high-back front buckets, floor-mounted center console and flat-folding 60/40-split rear bench.

The Limited pampers a bit more with heated, power-adjustable front

seats, offering eight-way adjustability for the driver and six-way adjustability for the passenger. Seats on both models are upholstered in dark pewter, but the LS gets cloth and the Limited upgrades to leather.

A leather-wrapped steering wheel, cruise control, tilt steering column and, of course, air conditioning are standard on both models.

Tunes are piped into the cab via a standard six-speaker audio system and CD unit. The LS is fitted with a single-play CD/MP3 and the

Limited with a six-disc CD changer. Importantly, adding to the comfort are airbags for occupant protection are standard roof airbags.

Isuzu's i-350 provides the driver with a substantial midsize truck that's well-equipped and satisfies the spirit of individualism with a pickup nameplate you really don't see roaming the roads in great numbers.

Tim Spell is the automotive editor for the Houston Chronicle's Cars & Trucks section.



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Pacific Coast Dream Machines in Half Moon Bay is cancelled

PACIFIC COAST DREAM MACHINES SHOW
HALF MOON BAY — Organizers of the Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show announced Wednesday that this year's show has been cancelled due to unusable field conditions at Half Moon Bay Airport caused by the unrelenting rain. The popular show was scheduled to take place on April 30.

We want to be clear the conditions causing the cancellation are related to the airport fields used for spectator and vehicle display parking. The airport and restaurant remain open and in full operation.

Bob Senz, show founder and chairman, issued the following statement regarding the cancellation:

"Regrettably and with sadness, the decision has been made to cancel this year's show.

"The extraordinary rainfall we've experienced and subsequent loss of useable parking and display space on the field leave us with

no other option.

"After consulting with airport officials it was determined that field conditions would not improve enough over the next three weeks to allow us to conduct the event.

"This decision was not made lightly, knowing the show's importance as the annual largest fundraiser for the Coastside Adult Day Health Center, participating non-profit groups, and the tireless efforts of our volunteer committee.

"Our committee is actively discussing alternative fund-raising ideas to help make up for the loss of income from the cancellation.

"We are grateful for the tremendous public support of the Dream Machines over the years and are sorry to share this unfortunate news. We look forward to returning in 2007."

The 2007 Pacific Coast Dream Machines Show will take place Sunday, April 29.

Women see fuel efficiency as a major factor in car-buying decision

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CHICAGO — A recent survey conducted by cars.com shows that about 20 percent of women rank fuel efficiency as a top priority in the car-buying process. Fuel efficiency ranks above other major influences in cars, such as safety, body style, carrying capacity and options.

The cars.com survey was designed to pinpoint the many factors that influence women's car-shopping behaviors. When asked about the top priorities outside of cost when choosing a car, more than 26 percent of respondents said reliability was their top priority. Reliability and fuel efficiency (20 percent) were followed by safety (15 percent), body style (12 percent), utility/carrying capacity (9 percent), handling and performance (9 percent), and options (3 percent). Only 1.9 percent of women listed engine size as a priority when shopping for

a new car.

"Reliability has always been a top priority among both men and women shoppers when it comes to purchasing a vehicle," said Joe Wiesenfelder, senior editor for cars.com. "However, the fact that fuel efficiency ranks second really shows us how the enormous rise in gasoline prices is affecting shopping behaviors."

When it comes to accessories, 70 percent of women said the most important option on a car is power seats/windows, followed by 31 percent saying a premium sound system is a high priority.

Sixty-five percent of women also prefer to do their car research online. And when it comes to major influencers in the car-buying decision, 40 percent of women said their spouse is the greatest influence.

It also comes as no surprise that the largest percentage of women

— 29 percent — choose what dealership they purchase their car from based on advice they receive from a trusted source; however, women rank the internet above their friends as a source of influence in their car-buying decision.

Impulse Research Corp. conducted the cars.com online consumer car-shopping survey and used a random sample of 1,515 U.S. residents over the age of 25 who at least share decision-making responsibilities in the purchase or lease of their cars and trucks.

Cars.com has numerous tips and advice for women including the top 10 things women should know before buying a car. Cars.com also shares specific car knowledge all women should know before they own a car. For more information about what women should know about car buying, visit the cars.com Web site at: www.cars.com.

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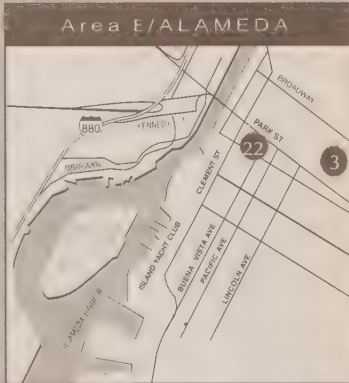
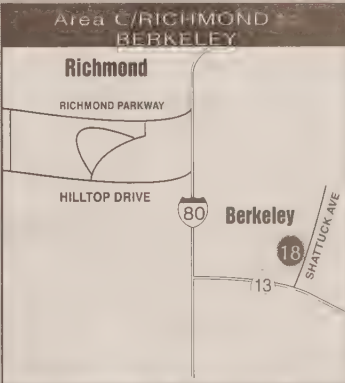
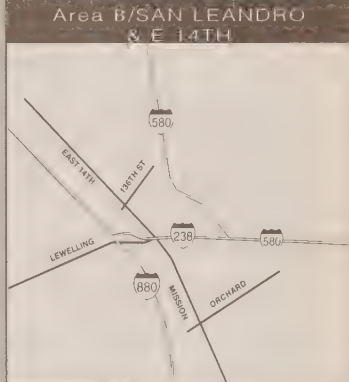
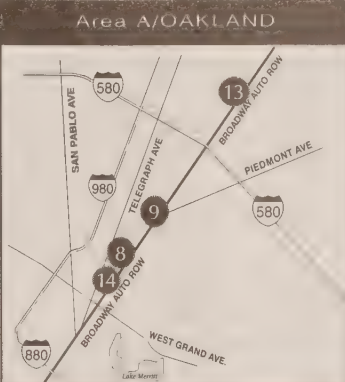
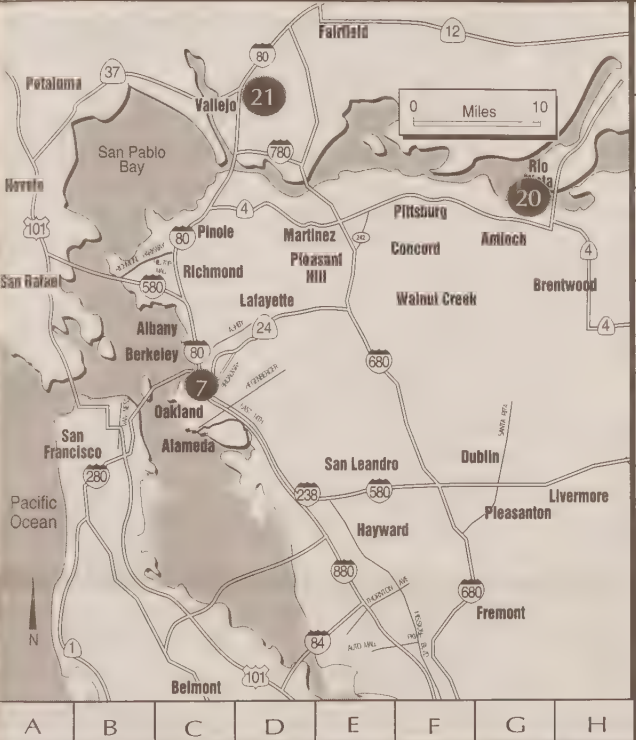
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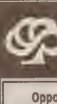
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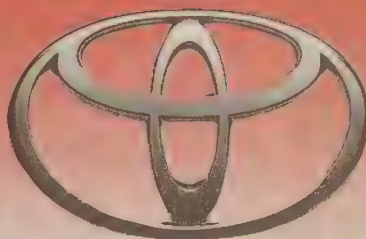
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Celebrate your nuptials with a 'destination wedding'

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SANTA MONICA — Today, more couples are choosing destination weddings to celebrate their nuptials, as it is more meaningful and memorable. For a stressless wedding, hotels and resorts around the country have on-site chapels, spa packages, wedding coordinators and amenities to ensure that the wedding is exactly what you envisioned. To educate your readers on destination weddings, below are popular hotels and resorts from around the country that provide full-service weddings.

Regis Resort at Monarch Beach in Dana Point, Calif.

The St. Regis Resort, Monarch Beach offers a choice of unforgettable wedding locations including the Botanical Garden, which overlooks the Pacific Ocean. The bride and groom exchange vows under a romantic Roman white marble gazebo surrounded by flowers, trees and an elaborate fountain. Another option is the resort's Wine Bar, the ultimate private dining room with 100-year-old French oak flooring and stone walls creating a vintage cellar-like ambience with mahogany and custom-iron furnishings and an extensive wine inventory of 10,000 bottles from around the world.

Mission Inn in Riverside, Calif.

The site of countless weddings, the Mission Inn provides beautiful wedding backdrops and offers on-property staff to coordinate and facilitate your wedding plans. The property features two non-denominational chapels, the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel and the St. Cecilia Chapel. Following the ceremony, receptions may be held in one of several of the Mission Inn's unique banquet rooms. Draped in rich fabric, complete with a marble staircase that

descends into the room from the courtyard, the Spanish Art Gallery is a magnificent setting for a reception. Equally impressive, the Galleria, originally built as an art gallery and museum, is also available. Directly beside the St. Francis of Assisi Chapel, the Galleria is adorned with yet another Tiffany stained-glass window. Guests may also dine in the Music Room, which resembles a baronial hall of a Spanish castle. The wooden ceiling beams and minstrel's gallery were inspired by the Mission San Miguel and the pews at the back of the room are replicas from Westminster Abbey. Complete wedding coordination and rehearsal is managed by the on-site wedding coordinators and catering staff. The Mission Inn staff can also assist with engagement parties, rehearsal dinners, and bridesmaids' luncheons, as well as special accommodations for your out-of-town guests.

Lake Las Vegas Resort in Las Vegas, Nev.

Lake Las Vegas Resort, the resort and residential destination set 17 miles East of the Strip, recently opened a wedding chapel at the resort, a move that finally provides Las Vegas with an elegant wedding or renewal ceremony alternative. The chapel, named Chapel Florenza, the "flowering chapel," is located on the Pontevecchio-style bridge which spans the resort's 320-acre lake. Opened in November 2005, Chapel Florenza extends an old-world Italian tradition and feel to the Mediterranean-themed resort. Designed using authentic Italian décor, the chapel features rich wood beamed ceilings with hanging wrought iron chandeliers and sconces, rustic stone floors, arched windows and wooden pews that seat up to 225 guests.

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Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa in Maui, Hawaii

A favorite for weddings and vow renewals, the Grand Wailea Resort Hotel & Spa offers an intimate seaside chapel surrounded by picturesque gardens, flowers and gazebos. It features a distinctive bell and clock tower as well as 17th century chandeliers and stained-glass windows that depict a royal Hawaiian wedding. The resort-wedding department has its own online wedding planner at www.grandwaileaweddings.com, and is available for couples consummating their vows. Each year, the Grand Wailea Resort hosts approximately 360 weddings and uses 175 dozens of roses for ceremony decorations.

Inn at Palmetto Bluff in Bluffton, S.C.

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Slow-cooker jackpot

BY CATHY THOMAS
THE ORANGE COUNTY REGISTER

I promised my daughter that we'd make easy-to-prepare homemade dinners and that there would be plenty of leftovers for lunches or future meals. We started our Tuesday-night cooking sessions over a year ago, after my newly married daughter and son-in-law moved into their home in Long Beach.

No longer cramped into a tiny apartment, they had a kitchen with culinary potential. But their busy lifestyles were stumbling blocks to home-cooked weeknight meals. Challenged by a new career as a high school history teacher, my daughter Alexis had little time or energy at the end of her workday to cook. And her husband, Jason, had a work schedule that often kept him away from home until past dinner time.

So, armed with a stack of down-to-earth cookbooks, Alexis and I started cooking together once a week. My goal was to help her establish a repertoire of uncomplicated recipes for one-pot dishes that could be prepared ahead without much fuss. And in the process, we'd have some fun.

Our first strategy was to make a large quantity of one dish, and then freeze half of it for a future meal. We cooked from "Betty Crocker's Do-Ahead Cookbook" (Macmillan, \$18) and were fairly content with the results. We liked that the book explained exactly how to reheat the frozen dish, either on stovetop or in the microwave oven. We also liked the specific information about storage.

But the dishes lacked enough pizzazz to truly please her palate. Alexis has had loads of practice critiquing recipes. Throughout her childhood, dinnertime was the forum for debate about new recipes that I was testing. My sweet-natured child honed her palate on an ever-changing menu of experiments, so she wasn't shy about passing judgment on our attempts. My son-in-law, bless him, said everything we made was delicious.

We then tried formulas from other books and magazines, using recipes for quick-from-scratch one-dish meals, each cooked conventionally on stovetop or in the oven. But it was the slow cooker that won Alexis' heart.

I still have my original slow cooker from the early '70s, a trusty harvest-gold beauty streaked with ancient bean-juice stains. We used Alexis' snazzy new model, a 6-quart oval with a brushed stainless-steel exterior. It has a timer that automatically shuts off the cooker and keeps the contents warm.

We started cooking our way through "Not Your Mother's Slow Cooker Cookbook" by Beth Hensperger and Julie Kaufmann (Harvard Common Press, \$16.95). I found that the slow cooker's improved appearance and functionality was only the start. The recipes have changed dramatically, too. Old-style recipes often had too much liquid, creating watered-down

flavor and an unappetizing soupy consistency. New recipes use less liquid and often showcase more alluring international flavor profiles by adding a wide variety of herbs and spices. Delicate ingredients, like soft vegetables (such as peas or fresh spinach) or delicate seafood, are added to the mixture a few minutes before serving to preserve their flavor and texture.

We started with Thai Pork With Peanut Sauce, a sweet-sour-spicy concoction that showed off the flavors of Southeast Asian cuisine. Alexis served it with rice and thought it was perfect. A week later we tried a beef stew filled with fresh vegetables — carrots, celery, potatoes, onions, mushrooms and peas. She complimented the flavor of the sauce, appreciating the taste that soy sauce, red wine vinegar and tomato sauce gave to the mixture. She said that next time she would triple the amount of carrots and probably leave out the celery, which she felt lost flavor after hours of cooking.

After the first two attempts with the slow cooker, Alexis found that she preferred to cook overnight. Most cooks like to load up the slow cooker in the morning and return from their day away to a bubbling pot of food. She likes the cook-while-you-sleep approach so she can get an early start for work accompanied by a warm, inviting sample for lunch. Meanwhile, once the dish has partially cooled, Jason transfers it to the refrigerator.

The upside to this approach is that if there is fat in the dish, chilling congeals it so that it can be easily removed. The downside is that it requires reheating.

Next we tried a pork roast that was augmented with tart green apples, a little white wine and a smidgen of ground ginger. She liked it, especially when it was garnished with a spoonful of mango and pineapple chutney.

Judith Finlayson's book "The Healthy Slow Cooker" (Robert Rose, \$22.95) offered a wide variety of recipes with ingredients that Alexis loved, such as an Indian-Style Chicken with Pureed Spinach, as well as Chili con Carne garnished with sour cream, roasted red bell pepper strips and chopped cilantro. And a Two-Bean Soup With Pistou (pistou is a smooth mixture of fresh basil, garlic, olive oil and Parmesan cheese that is dolloped on top of each serving).

I thought we'd hit the highest peaks of slow cookery until we tried Chicken a la Veracruzana in Rick Bayless' "Mexican Everyday" (Norton, \$29.95). The book isn't exclusively slow cook, but includes some braised dishes, as well as bean dishes, that use the technique. The dish is a mixture of skinned chicken legs and thighs, red or Yukon Gold potatoes, diced tomatoes, garlic and pickled jalapenos, accented with a very appealing combination of herbs and spices. After the chicken and vegetables are slow cooked and wrestled onto dinner plates, a blend of chopped green

olives and Italian parsley is mixed with the sauce in the slow cooker. After the sauce is sampled to see if it needs more seasoning, it's ladled over the chicken. Delicious.

Alexis liked it so much that she served it at a birthday party for her mother-in-law. Before dinner, she cooked a pot of fresh green beans and made a mixed green salad. Voila!

That sounds like do-ahead, relaxed entertaining at its best.

And Alexis? She looks at the slow cooker as if it were a winning Lotto ticket. She says she plans to use it for all her future dinner parties.

Our casual Tuesday nights together have been too much fun to abandon. Plus, now Jason has joined in.

His motto is a culinary adaptation of one of President Bush's slogans.

"No cook left behind," he says with a big smile, pouring the contents of a warm Dutch oven filled with browned pot roast into a cool slow cooker.

I love projects where everybody wins.

THAI PORK WITH PEANUT SAUCE

Nonstick cooking spray
1 (2-pound) boneless pork loin, trimmed of fat and cut into 4 pieces
2 large red bell peppers, cored, seeded, cut into strips
1/3 cup prepared teriyaki sauce
2 tablespoons rice vinegar
1 teaspoon dried red pepper flakes
2 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
For serving:
Cooked rice
1/2 cup chopped green onions (white part and half of dark-green stalks)
1/4 cup chopped dry-roasted peanuts
2 limes, cut into 8 to 12 wedges
Coat inside of slow cooker with nonstick spray. Place pork, bell peppers, teriyaki sauce, rice vinegar, red bell pepper flakes and garlic in cooker. Cover and cook on low setting until pork is fork tender, 8 to 9 hours.

Remove pork from cooker and coarsely chop. Add peanut butter to liquid in cooker; stir well to dissolve peanut butter and blend with liquid to make the sauce. Return pork to sauce and toss to coat the meat.

Serve in shallow bowls over hot rice. Sprinkle with green onions and peanuts. Pass lime wedges.

Makes 4 servings.
Source: "Not Your Mother's Slow Cooker Cookbook," by Beth Hensperger and Julie Kaufmann (Harvard Common Press, \$16.95).

SLOW COOKER BEEF STEW

8 to 12 small Yukon Gold potatoes, about 1 to 1 1/2 pounds, washed
4 large peeled carrots cut into 1-inch lengths
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 teaspoon paprika
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
2 to 2 1/2 pounds boneless beef chuck, trimmed of excess fat, cut into 1 1/2-inch chunks, blotted dry
1 to 2 tablespoons olive oil, as needed
1 large onion or 2 small onions, cut into total of 6 to 8 wedges
1 large celery stalk, outer strings removed with knife or vegetable peeler, cut into 1/2-inch-wide slices
6 to 8 medium-size clean, fresh mushrooms, cut in half
2 cups beef broth
1/4 cup tomato paste
1 tablespoon soy sauce
1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
1/2 teaspoon sugar
Pinch of ground cloves
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste
1 small bay leaf
2 sprigs fresh Italian parsley
1 (10-ounce) package frozen peas, thawed
Place potatoes in a medium or large slow cooker. Top with carrots. In a zipper-style plastic bag or a bowl, combine flour, paprika, salt and pepper. Toss half of the beef in flour mixture, shaking off excess and transfer to plate. Repeat with remaining meat.
In large, deep skillet, heat 1 tablespoon oil over medium-high



CATHY THOMAS, left, and her daughter Alexis Thomas Harcharic, pose for photograph at the home of Alexis, in Long Beach, California, February 16, 2006. The two enjoy making easy-to-prepare homemade dinners in a slow-cooker.

heat. Add some of meat, being careful not to crowd skillet. Allow to brown on one side before gently stirring and turning so pieces brown all over. As pieces brown, use slotted spoon to transfer to cooker. Repeat with remaining meat, adding more oil to skillet as needed.

When all meat is added to cooker, add onion, celery and mushrooms. Stir gently to distribute vegetables throughout meat, trying not to disturb potatoes and carrots on the bottom.

In bowl or 4-cup glass measure, stir broth, tomato paste, soy sauce, vinegar, sugar and cloves. Pour into cooker. If broth is unseasoned, season with salt and pepper. Tuck bay leaf and parsley into stew. Cover and cook on low setting for 8 to 9 hours, or on high setting for 4 to 5 hours.

Discard parsley and bay leaf. Stir in peas, cover and cook on high setting until peas are hot, 10 to 15 minutes. Serve in shallow bowls.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.
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CHICKEN A LA VERACRUZANA

4 medium (about 1 pound total) red potatoes or Yukon Gold potatoes, each cut into 6 wedges
6 (about 3 pounds total) chicken leg-and-thigh quarters, skin pulled off and discarded
1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes in juice, drained
4 to 6 canned pickled jalapenos, stemmed, seeded and cut into strips
3 garlic cloves, peeled and finely chopped
2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
1/8 teaspoon dried thyme
1/8 teaspoon ground cloves
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Salt
1/4 to 1/2 cup coarsely chopped green olives (Manzanilla olives preferred)
1/4 cup (loosely packed) roughly chopped Italian parsley
Spread potatoes over bottom of slow cooker and top with chicken. In a medium bowl, mix tomatoes, jalapenos, garlic, Worcestershire, thyme, cloves, cinnamon and scant 2 teaspoons salt. Pour evenly over chicken. Cover and cook on low setting for 6 hours (the dish can be held in the slow cooker's "keep warm" function for 2 additional hours).

Using a large slotted spoon, carefully transfer a portion of chicken and vegetables to each of 6 dinner plates, leaving as much sauce behind as possible. Mix olives and parsley into sauce. Taste and adjust seasoning as necessary. Spoon sauce over chicken.

Makes 6 servings.
Cook's notes: The mixture can be used as a soft-taco filling. Cook as directed through Step 2. When chicken is cool enough to handle, shred meat, discarding bones. Remove potatoes and roughly mash. Return chicken and potatoes to

sauce. Stir in olives and parsley. Serve with a dozen warm tortillas.
Source: "Mexican Everyday," by Rick Bayless (Norton, \$29.95).

TWO-BEAN SOUP WITH PISTOU

1 tablespoon olive oil
3 medium onions, finely chopped
3 carrots, peeled and diced
1 bulb fresh fennel, base and feathery leaves discarded, cut in half lengthwise, cored, thinly sliced crosswise; see cook's notes
1 teaspoon fennel seeds, toasted; see cook's notes
1 (28-ounce) can diced tomatoes, including juice
6 cups chicken broth
2 baking potatoes, peeled, finely diced
2 (14 to 19 ounces each) cans white beans, drained and rinsed
2 cups frozen sliced green beans; see cook's notes
2 teaspoons paprika dissolved in 1 tablespoon water
Salt, if needed
Freshly ground black pepper
For pistou:
4 cloves garlic, peeled
1 cup packed fresh basil leaves
1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
In large, deep skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions, carrots and sliced fennel bulb. Stirring frequently, cook until vegetables start to soften, about 7 minutes. Add toasted fennel seeds and cook, stirring frequently, for 1 minute. Add tomatoes with juice and bring to boil. Transfer to large slow cooker. Add broth, potatoes, white beans and green beans. Cover and cook on low setting for 8 hours or on high for 4 hours, or until vegetables are tender. Stir in paprika solution and season to taste with salt (is using) and pepper. Cover and cook on high setting for 20 minutes.

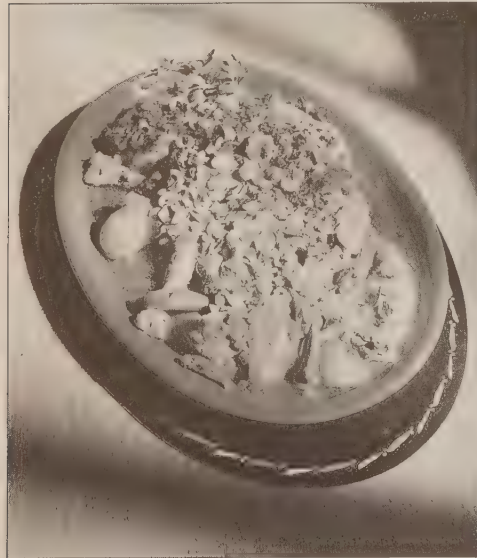
Meanwhile, prepare pistou: In food processor fitted with the metal blade, drop in garlic through the feed tube with motor running. Process until garlic is minced. Stop and remove lid. Add basil and cheese; return lid and process until smooth. With motor running, add oil in thin stream through feed tube.

Ladle soup into bowls and top each with a dollop of pistou.
Makes 8 servings.
Cook's notes: If fresh fennel isn't available, substitute 6 stalks of celery, diced. To toast fennel seeds, place seeds in small, dry skillet. Place on medium heat and shake handle frequently to lightly brown

evenly, about 2 to 3 minutes. prefer to use fresh green beans, cut them into 2-inch lengths and add them in boiling water for 4 to 5 minutes or until cooked crisp. Add them to slow cooker stirring in the paprika. For variation, add 2 cups of small pasta, such as elbow oroni, along with the paprika.
Source: "The Healthy Cooker," by Judith Finlayson Rose, \$22.95).

SLOW COOKER HOT SPICE SPOON CAKE

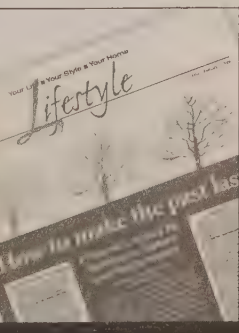
Butter flavor nonstick cooking spray
3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1/4 cup sweet ground chocolate, such as Ghirardelli
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup milk
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) unsalted butter, melted
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
For topping:
1/4 cup sweet cocoa powder, such as Ghirardelli
1/4 cup sugar
1/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar
1 1/2 cups boiling water
For serving: vanilla ice cream
Coat medium round slow cooker with butter-flavor nonstick cooking spray.
In medium bowl, whisk ground chocolate, sugar, powder and salt. Make well in center; add milk, melted butter, vanilla to well. Stir liquid ingredients until well blended. Continue stirring in widening circles, gradually incorporating dry ingredients until you have smooth batter. It will be thick. Spread evenly in prepared slow cooker.
To make topping, combine ingredients in another medium bowl and whisk until smooth. Pour over batter in cooker. NOT stir. Cover and cook on setting until puffed and top is set, 2 to 2 1/4 hours. Turn off and let stand, covered, for 30 minutes before refrigerating serving right out of the cooker.
To serve, scoop cake into individual bowls. Add a scoop of ice cream alongside cake. Some of the fudgy pudding from bottom of cooker over cake and ice cream.
Makes 4 to 6 servings.
Source: "Not Your Mother's Slow Cooker Cookbook," by Beth Hensperger and Julie Kaufmann (Harvard Common Press, \$16.95).



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ts? Nuts! Pet lovers going wild for 'haute dogs' like chorkies and chiweenies

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WORTH, Texas — It's a warm blanket for the rural Texas couple who own 20 dogs. The dogs scamper about the room of the house that is warm. Two chiweenie puppies curled up on the kingdom's sofa.

Chiweenies, a blend of chihuahua and dachshund, and shorkies, a Shih Tzu and chihuahua mix, are the latest trend with designer dogs — a combination of purebred dogs who are reaching heights of popularity that even the American Hybrid Club. The club is holding about 500 litters of dogs a month, more than the number of litters it was holding just more than a year ago. Numbers are just the tip of the iceberg as breeders and dog owners across the state are turning purebreds into designer dogs.

Chiweenies at Chia's Pet Kingdom in Krum, Texas, and Jeff Heraly are breeding out the common problems of the dachshund and chihuahua. They are looking down the yappiness of the Shih Tzu.

Heraly knows that some of

their designer pups will inherit the best qualities of their parents. They know it's possible some of their litters may inherit the worst.

"It's like raising kids," Glenna Heraly says. "Some kids grow up to be killers. Some grow up to be priests and presidents."

It's not just DNA.

"You have to have a good environment," say the Heralys, whose breeding stock is a pack of well-loved purebred pet dogs who live in the Heralys' three-bedroom home. The dogs have their own bedroom with a full-size bed. Most of their dogs are priests and presidents.

All of them are part of a fascinating and controversial trend.

This, the Chinese Year of the Dog, is a good time to examine our years with dogs.

The last decade has seen what's been called the most radical shift in dog breeding in at least 200 years.

In kennels and back yards from Arlington, Texas, to Arlington, Va., designer dogs are being created.

Labrador plus poodle equals the hybrid labradoodle.

Pug plus beagle equals the pugbeagle.

Chihuahua plus Yorkshire terrier equals the chorkie.

More than 200 such combinations now are registered with the Arkansas-based American Canine Hybrid Club.

"This is a major departure from how dogs have been bred for cen-

turies," notes Cheryl Spencer-Scher of the National Humane Education Society in West Virginia.

At first, way, way back, we bred dogs to be nicer than wolves. Then we bred them to work, and to hunt, and to keep us warm at night. Then we developed kennel clubs and bred dogs to meet exacting standards so that the "good" dogs had tails that wagged a certain way and ears that perked up just so.

"Almost all modern dog breeds have been developed in the last 200 years," says Margaret H. Bonham, a Colorado breeder and author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Designer Dogs." Only malapropos, huskies and some sight hounds, such as the Afghan, have genes that have stayed relatively pure back to antiquity.

The hand of man always has shaped dog genes.

Quietly, about 50 years ago, the idea of creating crosses of purebred dogs began to take hold.

For the first 40 years, all was well. The original and purest of goals of designer dog breeders, such as the Heralys, was to combine two purebreds to create new dogs without the purebred's genetic diseases and conditions, and, in many cases, with a lesser likelihood of shedding.

Then, and this does have something to do with Jessica Simpson, the powerful forces of celebrity and publicity went to work. Hollywood celebrities opened the gate and the designer dog trend ran into our lives.

Jessica Simpson carries Daisy, a maltese (Maltese-poodle) bred at Puppies, a kennel in East Texas. Natalie Portman once brought her schnoodle (schnauzer-poodle) named Noodles onto the set of a television talk show.

"Brokeback Mountain's" Jake Gyllenhaal and "The Sopranos'" James Gandolfini both have puggles, a cross of a pug and a beagle. Puggles lead the list of most-bred designer dogs, and one breeder in Wisconsin produced 300 puggles last year alone. Puggles are touted as having fewer breathing problems than the loveable short-nosed pugs and a calmer nature than the boisterous beagle.

A labradoodle even showed up in a recent L.L. Bean catalog, a place where photo layouts have long been dominated by golden retriever puppies and purebred gun dogs. And www.amazon.com carries 10 labradoodle T-shirts and one calendar, a sure sign the dog is established in popular culture.

A Texas bred labrador-poodle cross made the cover of "Life" magazine more than a year ago, and four

of the labrador-poodle crosses from the same Huntsville-area breeder, Carla Strange of Dawgs by Design, are owned by reporters in the presidential press corps. Strange also lists Ashley Judd as one of her customers. That would be cockapoos (cocker spaniel-poodles) for Judd, two of them.

The widespread trend also created breeders who raise designer dogs for their funny names, their trendy status and their high price tags, which are linked to their popularity. The chiweenies and labradoodles and such fetch \$300 to \$3,000, although mixed breeds aplenty wait in shelters for a fraction of the cost.

In Keller, Texas, Deborah and Larry Lawson read the 2004 "Life"

magazine story with interest. On the cover was an adorable labradoodle, longer legged than a lab and with a curly coat.

It certainly wasn't the first breed combo the Lawsons had ever seen. Loveable mutts abound, and the world has known cockapoos, a cocker spaniel-poodle mix, and pekepoos, a pekingese-poodle mix, since they were popularized in the 1950s. Those two breeds cemented what would later become a trend in combining the breed names of the purebred parents.

The "Life" article described how labradoodles were first bred in Australia in the 1970s, with a renewed interest in the 1990s.

The goal was to create dogs that

didn't shed and were smart enough and friendly enough to serve as guide dogs for disabled people with allergies to dog hair. A portion of labradoodles are turning out that way.

One month after reading the story, the Lawsons bought a green-eyed purebred chocolate lab named Gracie and a green-eyed chocolate purebred standard poodle called George. The result was a litter of five chocolate labradoodles last fall, one of which they kept for their 18-year-old daughter, Lauren, to train, possibly as a service dog. Lauren has a learning disability, and in this loving home her parents wanted her to have a smart, good-natured pet, and also a project.

The Lawsons' labradoodle puppies were not all alike. Some leaned toward the lab with its shedding coat. Others took after the poodle, others fell somewhere in between.

That's doggie genetics. Although bred to be nonshedding, the first generation of puppies from two purebred parents will have varying traits. That's why designer dogs are not considered "stable," nor are they yet considered "breeds."

Jazzie, the Lawsons' 3-month-old labradoodle, has traits of both parents and sheds a little. At the Lawsons' home, that just doesn't matter. The pup is smart and sweet, and is in what humane society educators call "a forever home." She's a very good dog.



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Books smarten up your rooms

BY JESSIE MILLIGAN
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Books are so popular in home decor that even people who don't read acquire them. They buy volumes by the yard at Half Price Books. They send orders off to a California book decor specialist who ships Danish language books by the foot.

Danish? Well, they aren't meant to be read.

Perhaps the ultimate signal that books are decor came when a recent Pottery Barn catalog showed an entire bookcase with the books turned backward, annoying mismatched spines facing inward, all in an attempt to achieve a neutral, uniform look.

Can't find a particular book on that shelf? That isn't the point.

As a decorating technique, books work even better when they've been read.

Then books become signs of a full life, one of inquiry and imagination. Well-loved books are invitations to linger and relax. They are conversation starters. They are small monuments to our interests and passions. As Fort Worth, T.X. antiquarian book dealer Michael Utt says, "When you look at a person's books, you can see into his soul."

The trend toward books as decor-only is jarring to longtime book collectors such as Utt.

"You should collect what you love," Utt says.

Or, at the least, invest in something you want to read.

Here are tips from the experts on how to decorate with books, as well as how to build a collection.

Tips for decorating

■ **Make it personal:** If you loved your last trip to Oaxaca, a stack of books on regional Mexican art will evoke memories. That's one way books personalize a room, says interior designer Debbie Chirillo of The ARTEC Group. If Matisse is your favorite artist, a few books of his work will establish your taste. NASCAR your thing? There are books on that, too.

■ **Create a theme with books:** A collection of books on Texas, for instance, is something Chirillo uses to help create a Western-themed room.

■ **Pile them high:** Stack books on the floor or in baskets. The casual arrangement makes them inviting.

■ **Create interesting storage:** Paint a wooden ladder black and use it to shelve an assortment of books, says Leni Leth on www.hgtv.com. Leth runs Book Decor, a California company that sells foreign books by the foot for the express purpose of looking at them rather than reading them.

Danish books cost \$100 a foot, German are \$150 a foot and French are \$200. More info at www.bookdecor.com.

■ **Raise up the light:** A lamp that is too low for its location can be raised by placing it on a stack of books, says designer Linda French of Total Interiors in Grapevine, T.X. Custom bases can be ordered to raise lamps, but a stack of books is a more personal touch.

■ **Create platforms:** Accessories stand out when they are placed atop a stack of books. French uses that technique frequently.

■ **Show them off:** Stack nicely bound books on end tables or on tables behind sofas. Books add height, create interest and make a room feel lived in.

■ **Tell a book by its cover:** Arrange books by color to help establish a color scheme, French advises.

■ **Jackets on or off:** Take book jackets off to create a more subdued color palette. (Tip: Store the jacket away from dust and light and don't create it if you ever plan to resell the book.) Leave pretty jackets on large art or garden books, suggests Tennessee interior designer Deborah Burnett on www.hgtv.com.

■ **Make a table:** Put a pile of large books next to a chair. Top with a small piece of glass. Use as an end table, advises interiordec.about.com.

Tips for collecting

Personal favorites: Collect books by an author you love or on a subject that fascinates you.

"That way, no matter what you pay for it, you haven't lost any money," says Utt.

He runs The Book Collector, an Internet shop based in his Fort Worth, Texas, home library of about 10,000 antiquarian books. He collects old books on chess, voyages of discovery and exploration, and the colonial Americas, as well as fiction. But he works at it full time.

Build a collection slowly: Don't make the mistake of novice collectors, who try to amass too many subjects and authors. Book collecting is more manageable if a collection is focused.

Starting points: Popular collecting categories include Pulitzer Prize-winning fiction, the Civil War or other historic eras, books by U.S. presidents, or hobbies. Some collectors are "completists" who buy everything a certain author wrote. Others gather up the "high spots," which are the authors' greatest works or the top books on a particular subject, according to the book Web site www.allbrs.com.

Handle with care: Collectibles need to be kept in pristine condition. These are not the books you keep in a basket on the floor. Even small rips in dust jackets can drastically reduce the price.

First choices: First editions are the sought-after books. To book collectors, the phrase "first edition" means the first printing of the first

edition. Older books, those published before the 1970s, used a multitude of ways to indicate first editions. It's impossible to memorize them all, says Utt. Book collectors often buy other books that list first-edition markings.

Modern books often say "first edition" or "first printed" on the page with the copyright information. Many have what is known as a number line on the page where copyright information is listed. The number line is a list of the numerals 1 through 10. If the "1" is included in that line, then you've got a first edition. But not all publishers use this system. Most notable among them is Random House, which will begin its number line with the numeral 2, even on first editions. That's just an example of how inconsistent first-edition markings can be.

Book clubs: Book clubs mark their copies as "first edition," but in the world of purist collectors, book-club editions are less likely to increase in value.

How do you know if you have a book-club edition? The book price is not printed on the dust jacket.

Determining value: An old book is not necessarily a financially valuable book. Classics of literature are good bets to collect, but other older works of fiction won't necessarily have a broad appeal to potential buyers, says Charlene Coffield, owner of A Tale of Two Sisters, a home-based business in Southlake, Texas, that sells 20th-century first-edition fiction.

Old nonfiction often is more marketable, she says. It appeals to potential buyers who may be interested not just in the book, but the subject. An old book on blacksmithing, for instance, may appeal to people who collect all things about horses, even their shoes.

Recently published books: A hot-selling new novel might not increase in value over the years.

A six-edition set of first British editions of J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" has been spotted at \$32,500, but book collectors say that value may or may not hold.

There is money to be had now in trading that true first edition, but what will most determine value is the reaction of the buying public 30 to 50 years from now, says Coffield. And tastes are fickle.

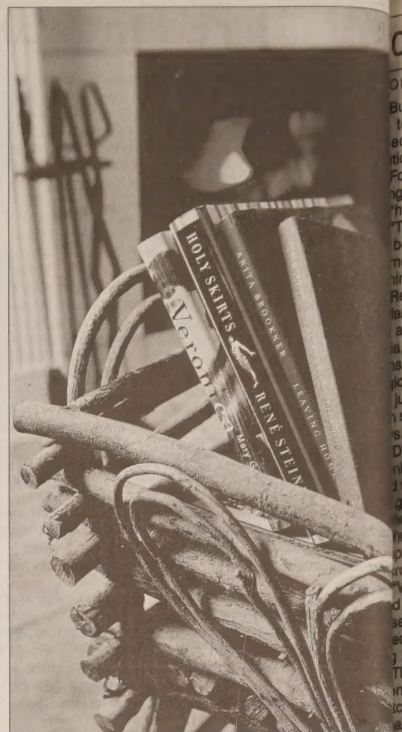
Collecting new books with the hope that they will become financially valuable is risky, she advises. She compares it to investing in the stock market.

"It is like buying IPOs. You don't know if it is going to turn into a blue chip," she says. "Probably less than 1 percent of all fiction writers today will become collectible."

Sign up: Autographs from authors do make a book more valuable, but determining the value added is tricky. If an author is an avid signer, the signature is less valuable than if it is from an author who rarely signs, Coffield says.

Any other handwriting inside the book will detract from its future value. "To Johnny at Christmas" is only a good thing to find on the flap if the Johnny in question is JFK or another famous John.

Dealers: Shop with experienced dealers if you are buying second-



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hand books to collect. A disreputable dealer might, for instance, try to sell you a book with the price clipped out of the dust jacket and a black line across the pages on the underside of the book. Those are signs that the book is a remainder, a surplus book marked by the publisher to prevent it from being resold at its original price. Remainder books are not valuable to book buyers.

■ **Two helpful marks:** "First" and "Fine" are good signs.

■ **Book fairs are** excellent places to find books. Dealers who sell what features make them collectible.

■ **Web sites such as** books.com and www.sellsecondhandbooks.com are good places to check. Lector Michael Utt's www.bookcollectorsite.com and Charlene Coffield's sistersbooks.com.

In the know

Where to learn more about book collecting:

■ Novices can find clues to valuable second-hand collectibles in "A Pocket Guide to the Identification of First Editions" by Bill McBride



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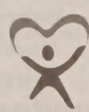
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Not all designer dogs turn out to be a good fit, and some breeders and dog-lovers advise caution for potential dog-buyers. For example, some sellers of poodle mixes label their dogs "hypoallergenic."

There's no guarantee that they are hypoallergenic," says Garry Harter, president of the American Canine Hybrid Club.

Reputable breeders, notably the American Labrador Breeders' and Research Center in Australia, are working toward a stable breeding labradoodle. Yet allergic reactions to dogs are caused by hair, but also by dander, secretions and saliva, Bonham says.

Designer dogs also are commonly described as having the "hybrid vigor" that protects them from genetic diseases and conditions found in purebreds. Yet, genes for immune problems, such as hip dysplasia, don't entirely disappear in crossbreeds.

With hybrids you are guaranteeing a wider gene pool. That means the chances of common traits," says Alda Brown, a Texas breeder for about 30 years.

The possibility of less-than-reliable breeders combining ill-fated dogs also exists. As "National Geographic" magazine vividly pointed out, breeding a pug and a

Pekingese could result in a dog that has trouble keeping its eyes in its sockets.

Another thing to watch for is price. Labradoodles carefully bred from other labradoodles and shipped from Australia have the right to command top dollar. But hundreds of dollars for a crossbreed can be considered unreasonable if the breeders are unable to show that they've done genetic screening for hip and eye problems, plus provided other basic health care, Bonham says. Buyers should visit the breeding site, visit the parent dogs, and make sure the place is clean and that the animals are loved.

And don't forget animal shelters. "I highly recommend shelters," says Bonham, owner of 50 dogs during her lifetime. "You can get very healthy dogs out of a shelter. You can also get sick ones. But at least you haven't spent \$500."

At the Humane Society of North Texas, dogs such as Luvs Muffin, a 5-year-old Rottweiler-Tibetan mastiff, and Rufus, a 5-year-old Dalmatian-heeler, recently waited in cages for homes. We'll call their breeds rottif and dalheeler in hopes of increasing their allure.

They are two of the 24,055 unwanted or mistreated dogs taken in at the Fort Worth shelter in 2005. Just more than half of those were euthanized last year for want of a good home, says Heather Bern, Humane Society spokeswoman.

Humane society workers cringe at the designer dog trend. Any

breeding will be upsetting to animal shelter workers as long as there is already such an obvious pet overpopulation. They also worry what will happen if the trend fades.

"The trendiness of it bothers us. All the young starlets carry their little pooch like an accessory, like the latest purse," says Spencer-Scher of the National Humane Education Society. "Designer accessories are fine, not designer dogs."

The world does not need more dogs, but designer dogs appear ready to sit and stay.

The American Canine Hybrid Club, a group that documents the types of designer dogs, started keeping track of them in 1992.

"It felt like a fad for 10 years, but a fad doesn't go on for 10 years," Garner, the club's president, says. "People want something new, something different from their neighbor."

Something in a chilleen, perhaps.

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These dog combinations were born in the United States and are registered with the American Canine Hybrid Club:

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- Beagle-pug: Puggle.
- Bulldog-Dalmatian: Bullmatian.
- Chihuahua-Yorkshire terrier: Chorkie.
- Chihuahua-dachshund: Chilleenie.
- Dachshund-schnauzer: Schnoxie.

- Miniature schnauzer-Yorkie: Snorkie.
 - Shih Tzu-Yorkie: Shorkie.
 - Golden retriever-poodle: Goldendoodle.
 - Labrador-English springer spaniel: Labradinger.
 - Labrador retriever-poodle: Labradoodle.
 - Miniature schnauzer-poodle: Schnoodle.
 - Poodle-Saint Bernard: Saint berdoodle.
- For more new names, see www.achclub.com.

Tips for dog buyers

- Learn about breeds and their characteristics. Dogs often are turned into shelters because certain breeds' characteristics — high energy, for instance — are not a good match for the home. One classic book, "The Right Dog for You: Choosing a Breed that Matches Your Personality, Family and Lifestyle" by Daniel F. Tortora (Simon & Schuster, \$14), offers not just breed descriptions but also quizzes to help you find a good match.
- Remember designer dogs can have any combination of their parents' traits. Nonshedding, for instance, is seldom a guarantee.
- Visit the kennel or home before buying your puppy. Local sellers say they are shocked at how many people want to buy the dogs over the telephone. Make sure the dogs are well-loved and are being kept in clean environments.
- Ask for health documents.



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JAZZIE IS PHOTOGRAPHED at the home of Deborah Lawson in Keller, Texas. Jazzie is an 11-week-old female Labradoodle, a poodle and Labrador mix.

- Visit the dogs' parents.
- Use the Internet to check out the going price for the dog.
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Creating outdoor rooms allows you to use more of your yard, expanding your outdoor space beyond your deck or patio and into the surrounding area. When creating your outdoor rooms, be sure to consider the architecture of your home, especially when choosing hardscape elements. For example, for a cottage-style home, a flagstone patio would look more natural than a formal heringbone brick patio.

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